

The Chronology of the Toews Family



The above heading and picture appeared in the Carillon News, the Steinbach paper which reported the Toewsfest, June 24, 25, 1961.

The picture shows the gathering of the Toewses on the grounds of the Evangelical Mennonite Church where all the meetings took place.

At the close of the last session, in a sort of after-session, it was moved by Henry H. Toews, Mankato, Minnesota, and seconded by Isaac Hoffman, Dallas, Oregon, that A. P. Toews of Ferguson, Missouri, be appointed to gather, edit and compile a history and genealogy of the Toews family and have it duplicated at a minimum cost. This motion received a unanimous assent.

In the following pages you will find the results of the labors ensuing from an attempt to discharge the conferred task.

It is hoped that this account will approximate of what the motion implied. Showing a continued interest in this survey by procuring copies for children and others, would indeed be ample reward for the energies spent.

A. P. Toews

TOEWS-FEST PROGRAMME

1. This is an **over-all** program of the Toews-fest in Steinbach, June 24 and 25, 1961. A more detailed program will follow at the time of the meetings.
2. All the **descendants** of the great-great-grandfather, Peter Toews (Russia), are cordially invited. A special invitation is extended to all descendants living in other states and provinces.
3. **Visitors** from far, who are not acquainted with Steinbach, may come into the middle of town to the traffic light, and there inquire at one of the following business places:
Loewen Garage; C. T. Loewen and Sons Ltd.; 5c to \$1 Store; Tourist Hotel.
Mentioning this program will be sufficient to have all your needs met. Please ask also for one of the following men: Jacob Peters, Tourist Hotel; Isaac Q. Friesen, and Jacob H. W. Reimer at the other business places.
4. The **noon meal** on Saturday, June 24, will be served for everyone in the Evangelical Mennonite Church at the south end of town.
5. During the **afternoon** opportunity will be given to visit different places of historical interest. Local cars will be available. The cars may go together or individually.
6. **Supper**, lodging and Sunday breakfast will be served in the various homes.
7. **Sunday forenoon** everyone is invited to attend church service of his own choice.
8. The **Sunday noon meal** is again served for all at the Evangelical Mennonite Church.
9. Sunday at 2 p.m. is the **Toews-fest program** in the Evangelical Mennonite Church. The following items are planned:
 - (1) An appearance on the platform of all descendants of each of the basic six families, which are: Abram Toews, Oregon and Saskatchewan; Cornelius Toews, Colorado and other places; John Toews, North Dakota and Saskatchewan; Peter Toews, Manitoba mainly; Mrs. John Quiring, North Dakota; Mrs. Isaac Janzen, North Dakota and other places.
The Isaac Janzen group will be directed by Lewis Hoffman, Munich, North Dakota; the John Quiring family by Mrs. Willard Schultz, Munich, North Dakota; the Peter Toews family by Harry Neufeld, Steinbach, Manitoba. This is as far as we could plan at present. It was impossible for us to get in contact with others who would take responsibility. Will the John Toews, Abram Toews and Cornelius Toews families please find their directors and give us your plans when we meet?
 - (2) Each family is to have a speaker who will give the family history and other interesting events. Who your speaker will be please determine yourself.
 - (3) Songs and special items will fill out the program.
10. **Lunch** will be served in the church after the session. This will conclude the Fest.
11. All are invited to stay for the evening service at 7 p.m. in the Evangelical Mennonite Church.

TOEWS-FEST

1. REGISTRATION

Mrs. Linda Peters is the REGISTRATION SECRETARY. She will register every attendant, visitors and local people alike. Everyone, please register and get identification cards and pin it to your clothes.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 24 in the Evangelical Mennonite Church at the south end of Steinbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Toews will assist Mrs. Peters with the registration.

2. LODGING COMMITTEE

Jacob H. W. Reimer, at Loewen Garage
Jake Peters, at Tourist Hotel and Loewen Garage
Isaac Friesen, at Loewen Garage and Tourist Hotel
Mrs. Ben P. Toews, at Evangelical Mennonite Church
Mrs. Edward Toews, at the Evangelical Mennonite Church. This committee can be reached at the registration desk.

3. THE RECEPTIONISTS

Peter R. Toews, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Henry Reimer, Clearsprings, Manitoba
Henry P. Toews, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Jacob T. Reimer, Giroux, Manitoba
Ben Loewen, Steinbach, Manitoba
Wilbert Loewen, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Klaas T. Kroeker, Steinbach, Manitoba

4. TABLE AND SEATING COMMITTEE

George Unruh, Winnipeg, Man.
John P. Toews, Steinbach, Man.
Klaas M. Toews, Giroux, Man.
Felix Doerksen, Steinbach, Man.
Frank Toews, Giroux, Manitoba
Ernie Toews, Steinbach, Manitoba

5. MEALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Henry T. Kroeker, Steinbach, Man.
Mrs. Isaac Q. Friesen, Steinbach, Man.
Mrs. John P. Toews, Steinbach, Man.
Mrs. George Unruh, Winnipeg, Man.
Mrs. David Loewen, Steinbach, Man.

PROGRAM, JUNE 25, 1961

A.M. - SUNDAY - everyone attends church of his own choice.

12:00 - DINNER - For those who want to eat outside hot water and tables will be provided in the Loewen Park in the middle of town on Reimer Ave. half a block east of main street. The street with the traffic light is Reimer Avenue.

Everyone is invited to bring his own dinner to the park and eat in company. This should be a great outdoor time of visiting.

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **TOEWSFEST PROGRAM** in the E. M. C. Church.

NOTE:

Each family will be seated in the following reserved areas:

Cornelius Toews family, first front right side
Anna (Toews) Quiring family second right side
John Toews family, third front right side
Maria (Toews) Janzen family fourth right side
Abram Toews family, fifth front right side
Peter Toews family, the entire left side of the church in the following order:

First front - Elizabeth Toews Reimer family
Second - Anna (Toews) Loewen family
Third - Katherine (Toews) Kroeker family
Fourth - Peter R. Toews family
Fifth - Abraham R. Toews family
Sixth - Magaretha (Toews) Ratzlaff family
Seventh - Klaas R. Toews family
Eighth - Johann R. Toews family

(1) Opening by Rev. Jacob Dueck
I - Song by the audience, "Faith of our Fathers"
II - Scripture
III - Prayer

(2) Introduction by Rev. George Giesbrecht
(through interpretation)

(3) Family songs and histories.
I - Cornelius Toews family - goes on the platform
- first sings a song,
- second, gives the family history
- third, takes its place on the floor
II - Anna Toews Quiring family - goes to the platform
first, sings its song
second, gives its family history
- third takes its place on the floor
III - John Toews family takes its place on the platform

PETER TOEWS

Introduction

This book starts with the genealogy of Peter Toews born in 1818 in a place which in 1854 became the village of Klee-feld in South Russia.

Since this Peter Toews is the father of the six main Toews families that came to America during the last quarter of the 19th century we call this the first generation.

It has always been the custom of our Dutch Mennonites to name the oldest son after the father. In our family this tra-dition was adhered to until 1920 when the last oldest son Peter Toews, now residing in Minneapolis, named his oldest son Arnold.

According to this, our Peter Toews ancestral line looks like the following diagram.

The author of this book is Abraham P. Toews, the third son of 3rd generation Peter Toews. The family outline is as follows:

3rd generation
Peter Toews
three oldest sons

Peter - 1895
the last oldest son Peter Toews
(Minneapolis, Minn.)

Henry - 1897
(Saskatoon)

Abraham - 1899
the author of this book
(St. Louis, Missouri)

You will notice that
the 1st generation Peter Toews
was the author's great-grandfather
and reference to him is made
that way in this book.

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Grandfather
of our 1st generation
Peter Toews
born about 1770 -
at Elbing, East Prussia

Father
of our 1st generation
Peter Toews
born about 1795
at Elbing, East Prussia.
Moved with one son, Peter,
in 1804 to Halbstadt, Russia.
Not long after that he moved
to more open country at Klee-
feld, about 15 miles southwest
of Halbstadt.

1st Generation
in our Toewsbook
Peter Toews
born in 1818 at
Kleefeld, Russia

2nd Generation
in our Toewsbook
Peter Toews
born in 1839
at Kleefeld,
Russia

3rd Generation
in our Toewsbook
Peter Toews
born in 1872
at Kleefeld.
Left with his
parents for
America in 1874.

4th Generation
in our Toewsbook
Peter Toews
born in 1895
at Steinbach, Man.
The oldest son
Peter Toews line
ended here when
this Peter Toews
named his oldest
son Arnold. Born
in 1920 and now
residing in Minne-
apolis with his
father.

The Name

The name Toews is an old Mennonite name. In most of the older records it is spelled that way. In Prussia, under German influence, it came to be written with the "o" and the Umlaut (8 - 2 dots over it) and was thus spelled in Russia. However, this does not seem to have been very popular for very seldom do the scholars, Benjamin H. Unruh and Gustav Reimer and Christian Neff spell it that way. Even the passport of Cornelius Toews coming out of Russia in 1876 spells it Tews, leaving the "o" with the Umlaut (dots) out altogether. During the first World War (1914-18) we find the first changes in America to Taves or Toaves or Toavs. John, the son of Cornelius Toews (2nd generation) was the first of our people (1918) to spell it Taves. His name on the tombstone in the Jos, Colorado cemetery is written that way.

The name Toews in West Prussia, most likely, had the following names from which it took its origin: Toeffs, Taews, Tewffs, Tewsens (the Scandinavian way of saying that he is a son of Tew). Then again according to Dr. N. van der Zipp, Rotterdam, the name is directly derived from Matthaus (Matthew in English speaking countries). Other spellings of this name are "Matthias, Mattheissen, Matthijs and Matthysz." All these names are found repeatedly in the earliest days of Anabaptism, especially amongst the list of martyrs.

It is possible that when the Mennonites started to move to West Prussia from Holland in 1530, that the whole name Mattheus was found too long for the men in the swamp and bush and they just dropped the first part and kept Theus. In areas where the German spelling, Matthäus, was used, the part used was Thäus from which our name partially has been coined. In some old records the name Töw occurs frequently. Most likely in these years of fleeing persecution and martyrdom, living often in great poverty, draining swamps and cutting down forests for a small acreage, names were less important.

The Toews Family Emigration to Russia from Prussia

In his historical accounts of these early migrations from East Prussia to Russia, Benjamin H. Unruh lists fourteen Toews (all spelled this way), immigrants that went from East Prussia to Russia. According to Karl-Heinz Ludwig, all of them came from villages within a 15-mile radius of Elbing, now a city of 85,000. The Peter Toews family alone came from Halbstadt, Prussia, and according to Unruh, moved from there to Elbing and later to Halbstadt, Russia. Since many immigrants went to Halbstadt, Russia, all available land was soon bought up and our Toews family left for the Kleefeld area where land was still available.

From the Danziger Familiengeschichtliche Beiträge, Heft 7 (1943) we find the following account of all the Toewses in East Prussia:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Village</u> (East Prussia)	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Economic Sta.</u>
Abraham Toews	Elbing	Beermaker	Poor
Abraham Toews	Rückenau	Farmer	
Abraham Toews	Walldorf	Farmer	
Abraham Toews	Tiegenhagen	Laborer	
Abraham Toews	Ellerwald	Laborer	
Cornelius Toews	Ellerwald	Laborer	
Cornelius Toews	Ladekopp	Laborer	
Dircks Toews	Petershagen	Weaver	
Gils Toews	Neukirch	Laborer	
Goerth Toews	Neustaterwald	Laborer	
Hans Toews	Kalthof		
Hans Toews	Kleine Lichtenau		
Hans Toews	Warnau		
Hans Toews	Vogtey		
Isaac Toews	Ellerwald 4	Weaver	Mod. well off
Isaac Toews	Heuboden	Laborer	
Isaac Toews	Langfuhr	Char. burner	
Isaac Toews	Schönsee	Char. burner	
Isaac Toews	Tiege	Char. burner	Mod. well off
Jacob Toews	Altensu		
Jacob Toews	Heuboden		
Jacob Toews	Petershagen		
Jacob Toews	Stadtfelde		
Martin Toews	Sandhoff		
<u>Peter Toews</u>	<u>Halbstadt</u> and <u>Elbing</u>	<u>Tailor</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Peter Toews	Klein Mansdorferwende		
	(Apparently no Halbstadt and Kleefeld connections, as our family has)		
Peter Toews (widow)	Prangenu		(Again this does not apply to our family)

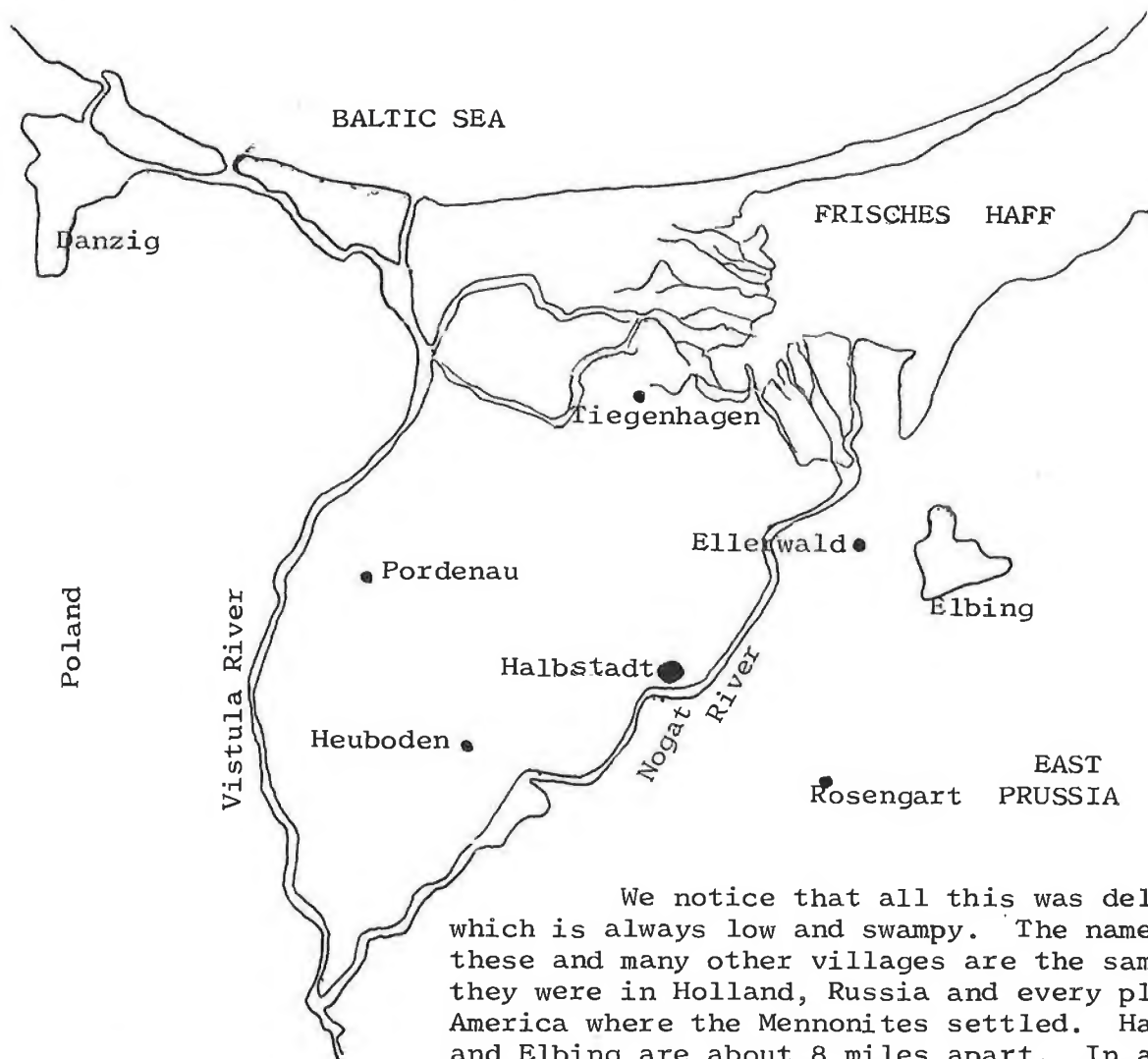
Our Peter Toews (underlined) lived in Halbstadt and the parents were tailors. From C. B. Loewen's diary we see that our grandmother was a seamstress and most likely learned the craft from her husband's family.

The map on the other page shows that our people moved from Elbing to Halbstadt, really, they may have lived between these places on some smaller piece of ground they got for a smaller price or themselves diked and reclaimed.

The first Mennonites came to the Danzig area from Holland in 1530. It took until 1549 when enough had come to form a congregation. Menno Simons must have visited them for he refers in his writings to his "children of God in Prussia." Dirk Philips, Menno's co-worker, labored here among these churches until 1568. Danzig, Elbing and Marienburg formed the triangle of Mennonite settlements, that's where the Menno Simons: a former Catholic priest, his co-workers such as Dirk Philips and others labored faithfully for their faith. Our Toewses lived right in the middle of these activities and have through the years reflected this.

Many Mennonites and others were brutally slain for their faith in the Catholic-Alva persecution in the second and third quarter of the 16th century. Some of our early Matthieus were among them. When Simon and Hans von Loysen, large holders of undeveloped lands in the Lower Vistula delta region, invited them to settle on their lands and escape martyrdom they readily came. The first settlements were at Danzig and Elbe, no doubt, because they could easily be reached by water. Then further up the Nogat was Marienburg, also reached by going up the river.

It is of interest to note that the Toewses were always among the "firsts." Here they were of the first to drain the Elbing swamps, when they went to Halbstadt in Russia we find them in the Kleefeld area long before the place became an organized village. The Cornelius Toews family was one of the first Mennonite families to settle in the Colorado wilderness. Abraham Toews went to Oregon as soon as the Union Pacific was finished and the Shoshone Indians left them alone. My grandfather was one of the 20 original settlers in Manitoba where he eked out an existence under most trying conditions. My father toyed with the idea for several years to move to Montana when the railroad opened up large areas around Wolf Point and Chinook. The John Toews (2nd generation) did the same thing when it went first to Henderson, then to South Dakota and Minnesota and finally to Herbert, Saskatchewan where they all made good. Even grandfathers' Janzen and Quiring married the most enterprising girls they could find, Maria and Anna Toews.



We notice that all this was delta land which is always low and swampy. The names of these and many other villages are the same as they were in Holland, Russia and every place in America where the Mennonites settled. Halbstadt and Elbing are about 8 miles apart. In all these places were large Mennonite congregations except Halbstadt.

Halbstadt in Prussia was a village formed by 10 Mennonite large landowners having several workers. Besides these were some small landholders, who most likely obtained their little parcels by draining low land. Originally all the land between Danzig and Elbing had been a lake and swamp which our Mennonites drained and turned into very productive farmsteads. The whole Danzig area is part of the Vistula delta. Our forefather most likely had a small piece of this land.

Our Great-grandfather Peter Toews spoken of in this book as the First Generation, was born on January 27, 1818 in the area of Kleefeld, Russia. The passports and other records say that he was born in Kleefeld but this cannot be quite true because Kleefeld was organized as a village in 1854. Most likely what happened was, when our people came to Halbstadt, Russia, where many of the immigrants from Russia landed, they stayed there without land as the other poor people and went to Kleefeld as some kind of squatters and became villagers later. At the time when this became a village our great-grandfather was 36 years old.

Further evidence that our forbear was poor was that he was a "Poddwoddfohrre," a drayman, taking grain to the elevators on the Black Sea at Berdjansk. A number of ox teams would travel together for protection. Berdyansk was a seaport and Cornelius Jansen with two other Mennonites bought the grain the Mennonites and Germans brought in from the surrounding country. The main block of Mennonite villages was between 40 and 50 miles away. Most likely this kind of life was too strenuous for our great-grandfather and he developed tuberculosis which ended his life when he was only 49.

A description of how this grain was transported to Berdyansk is given in Exiled by the Czar by Reimer and Gaeddert:

It was done mostly by ox teams traveling very slowly; the drivers were usually not too reliable so they were not given money before they delivered their shipments, in order to keep them from getting drunk. Often they brought along a letter from the farmer or agent, indicating the expected price of the grain. The farmers also often asked Cornelius Jansen to buy this or that for them and to send it back with the drivers.

Our Mennonite draymen, including our forefathers, were not of this kind of drivers and must have been in great demand.

Cornelius Jansen and Leonard Suderman, two leaders of the Mennonites in Berdyansk, were friends of the evangelist Edward Wuest and Quakers who visited them often. Both were also strong promoters and leaders of the great migration of the Mennonites from Russia to Nebraska and Manitoba in

the 1870's. Peter Jansen, son of Cornelius Jansen, later became State Senator of Nebraska, National delegate to the Republican National Convention that nominated William McKinley as president, represented Nebraska at his funeral when he was assassinated, was the representative of the United States at the Paris Exposition, and in 1904 he represented Nebraska at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Another influence coming out of Berdyansk and neighboring Mennonite villages of Kleefeld, to our Toews clan, was religious. The Flams, in religion had always stressed simplicity and nonconformity and when they were driven by persecution into Holland from about 1500 on, they differed with the Friesian-Dutch, who were less restrictive. This difference prevailed and at times became quite pronounced. It was taken to Prussia, Russia and America. To those who know the background it still is quite obvious and this includes our Toews family.

In Prussia the principles of simplicity and nonconformity were brought closer to us through the marriage of Cornelius Jansen into the von Riesen family in 1848 in which these principles received greater emphasis. When Jansen moved to Berdyansk, his convictions allied themselves with those also found in Steinbach and neighboring villages of Kleefeld. They were called the "Kleingemeinde" (small church) in contrast to the "Grossegemeinde" (big church) the much larger number which was less restrictive.

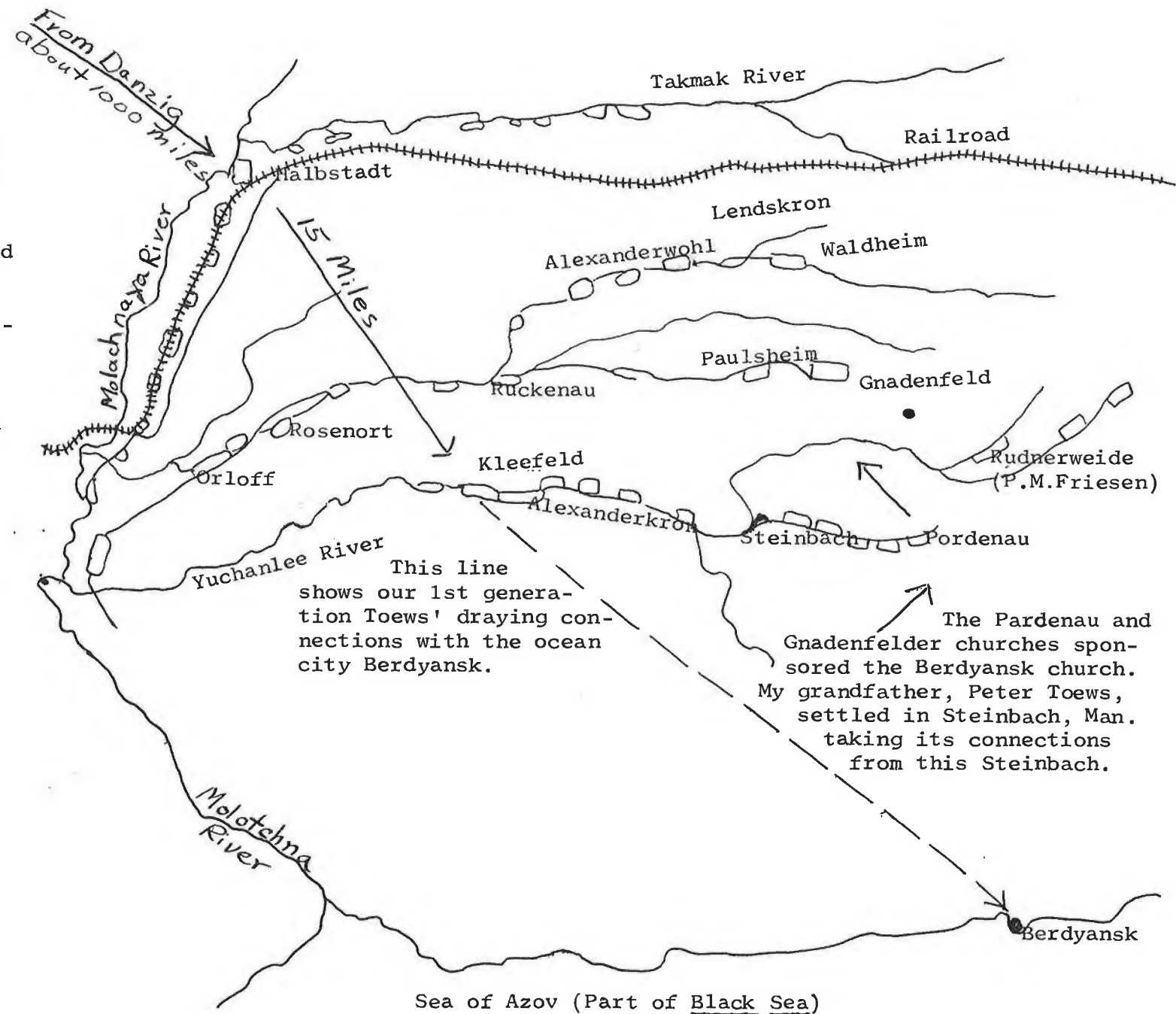
During the years that our six Toews family-heads (Peter, Cornelius, Anna (Quiring), Johan, Maria (Janzen) and Abraham) were born in Kleefeld, the "Kleingemeinde" had quite an influence, especially in Steinbach and Berdyansk. Of our family, only Peter became a member of it. In the following records we find that many of his descendants still belong to this church.

Whether our great-grandfather owned land and how much, we do not know. We know that he was poor and these usually were given a little parcel of land near the village for a small price. Newly married couples usually started that way, with the prospect of being able to acquire more land later. These "Anwohner," as they were called, had to earn their livelihood as farm hands, by renting land, by trade, industry and other means. Here was the reason for our great-

grandfather being a teamster or freighter. Our Toews were of the first to come to America and most likely the reason was that they did not have much land.

On the right we have a map that shows the Mennonite villages in Russia and their relation to the seaport, Berdyansk. As we have seen the leading Berdyansk Mennonites and grainbuyers, Jansen and Suderman, were enthusiastic about emigrating to America and most likely our forbears were considerably influenced by them when they shipped their grain.

The map also shows how our people settled at Halbstadt and went on a little later to Kleefeld. Peter Toews, my grandfather, lived in Steinbach, Russia, and there was the reason why he connected with the people that settled at Steinbach, Manitoba where still many of them reside.



The Peter Toews Family

The history of the Peter Toews family is a little different than that of his brothers and sisters. The main reason for this difference is church affiliation.

Like the other members of the Peter Toews family, Peter, the oldest son, was also born in Kleefeld, Russia. This custom of naming the oldest son after the father's given name, dates back to Holland and has been practiced by the Toewses up until about 40 years ago.

Peter Toews was born in 1839 and baptized in the Mennonite church in 1859. He was 20 when he became a member of the church. Not long before Peter became a member of the church something had happened that made Peter's future different.

In the history of the Mennonites from the time of Menno Simons (1561) until 1812 there had only been one Mennonite church. There were differences between churches but these were only due to the difference in personalities in the bishops.

In 1812, however, came the first split. A small group of 18 - 20 members, assembled separately under the leadership of Klaas Reimer, living at the time in Petershagen, 15 miles of Kleefeld, the home seat of the Toews family. The main reasons for separation were: worldliness, lack of church discipline, and following other denominational leaders. Having separate baptismal and communion services was at first unregulated. In 1819 this improved a little when Reimer's position as bishop, without a formal ordination became recognized to a degree, at least, by some of the Mennonite churches.

Until this time nobody thought about church names, there was only one Mennonite church. Now, with this small split off, names had to be found. The result was that the Mother church was, of course, called the "big church" (die grosse Gemeinde), and the small group, the "small church" (die kleine Gemeinde), or as they were most often called in Dutch, "de Kleenegementa."

Peter Toews was married in 1860, a year after being baptized and becoming a member of the "big church," He married Elizabeth Reimer from Rosenort, 9 miles from Kleefeld and towards Petershagen where the "Kleengementa" were located. Elizabeth came from the "Kleengementa" Reimers but at the time of marriage belonged with Peter to the "big church" in Rosenort in which they were also married.

The Peter Toewses continued in the "big church" for about 12 years during which time 4 children were born. Having come considerably under the influence of the "Kleengementa" through Elizabeth's people, shortly before they left for America they became members of the "Kleengement" (little church), then a group of about 125 members.

The "Kleengement" and the Bergthaler Church, a branch of the "big Church," both had much concern about the pending compulsory Russian military service, prospective higher education, and a tendency towards world conformity within the church. They were both conservative and reactionary and sent representatives to the Russian government to obtain privileges and when these were not satisfactory they agreed to emigrate to America. The result was that these two churches moved to America in their entirety. They were also the first to do so being more concerned about the future prospects of the Mennonite church in Russia. Apparently the Alexanderwohl church, not far from Kleefeld, came under this same influence and also left in its entirety for Kansas just a little later.

Since Peter was the only member of the "Kleenegement" in the Toews family, he was the first to leave Russia and the only one to go to Manitoba. He went together with the Bergthaler to the most uninviting territory offered for settlement made to the Mennonites anywhere.

The main reason why the Kleenegement and Bergthaler groups settled in Manitoba on inferior land, with a rigorous climate and no railroads, was, that they wanted to remain a pure church by keeping away from others. To do this more successfully, they wanted to stay in greater isolation than what the United States offered, believing the British promises and privileges more dependable. This was especially the case in connection with the control of their own schools that they were promised. To this day this is the tone in both of these groups and has in later years led to further emigration to South America, Central America and Mexico.

In 1882 came a major disaster for the "Kleenegement" (Kleine Gemeinde) when it split into about two equal parts and the more progressive element left with the elder, Peter Toews, to form a Holdeman church, to which today many of the Toews family belong.

John Holdeman (1832-1900), New Pittsburg, Ohio, started on his own to study the Scriptures, the Church Fathers, the Martyrs' Mirror, and the first Anabaptist leaders. He maintained that the Mennonite Church had left the principles of the early Christian Church and Anabaptists. When he failed in his attempt to re-direct the Mennonite Church through evangelism, discipline, and more literal application of the Scriptures, he started his own group.

Holdeman applied himself to the ministry with much earnestness. It was his desire to bring to his hearers the whole truth, and placed great emphasis on the new birth and separation from the world. Many were awakened and accepted Christ and formed Holdeman churches.

To his newly organized churches, Holdeman gave the name "Church of God in Christ, Mennonite." He organized churches in Canada and the United States.

In Manitoba the "Kleenegement" split in two, half following the bishop Peter Toews (1841-1922) into the "Church of God in Christ, Mennonite" in 1882, when 165 were re-baptized and preachers re-ordained.

Our grandparents were considerably affected by this separation, especially grandmother. What perhaps deterred them from going along with the new group was grandfather's health for he died only four months later. Her oldest daughter, Elizabeth, became a member of the Holdeman church to which also most of her descendants belong today. A portion of the Anna Toews' (Loewen) family affiliated later with this group.

In later years several of our Toews "Kleengementa" left to affiliate with the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren which had its origin in Steinbach, Manitoba, in 1897.

My father, Peter Toews, the oldest son of Peter Toews, was also a "Kleengementa." Nevertheless, he always felt the separation from the rest of his uncles and aunts. He visited those in North Dakota frequently and even made the long trip to Oregon to see his uncle Abraham. Just before the First World War he toyed with the idea to move to Montana; apparently some of the land he had seen from the train window on his trip to Oregon appealed to him. Large sections of Montana were opened for settlement as had been the custom for many years. This was the last such opportunity. It was the war that kept him and many others from making the move.

The Kleengements were always in open sympathy with the Bergthaler even if they were "big church" people. The Bergthaler colony in Russia was a daughter colony of Chortiza, the oldest colony of Mennonites in Russia. In Manitoba the "Old Colony Mennonites" had greater access to the Kleengement than some of the other groups.

In Russia the Bergthaler colony was about 400 miles from Chortiza, its home base and gradually lost close contact with the mother colony, especially the spirit of progress. Then, too, this group was not under the thumb of an inflexible "Oberschulze" (senior mayor) and its young men began to serve in the Russian army and their children had to attend government schools. All this alarmed the Bergthaler and Kleengementa and tried to move out to a place where it would be different.

The Bergthaler and a few Kleengementa came to Manitoba on July 31, 1874. Among them was Jacob Barkman, a Kleengementa, who came to make what preparations he could for the others that were to come six weeks later. Barkman had put up his tents at Kleefeld about 9 miles east of the Red River and 25 miles south of Winnipeg. Kleefeld was about 10 miles west of Steinbach, the place where several of these new immigrants had been assigned to.

Barkman had located in a place where he could hear the whistle of the Red River boat "International" that was to bring the immigrants from Fargo and Moorhead. The place straight west from Kleefeld where they would leave the boat was called St. Agathe which is still a little snug French village on the river.

When Jacob Barkman heard the whistle of the river boat on the morning of Sept. 15, 1874, he immediately left with a high-wheeled Red River ox-cart to fetch the newcomers of which Peter Toews, my grandfather, second generation Toews, with his wife and 5 children, was a member.

Peter T. Barkman, Jacob's brother and 12 years younger, writes about this trip:

We piled all our goods on the high ox-cart and on top we put our mother. My father, my brother and I and my sister walked beside the cart while my brother directed the ox. When we got to a mudhole my father said "hao-wach," in Russian "pull hard," but the ox stood still. My brother told my father not to do that because here in America "hoa" means to stop. We got to Kleefeld that evening.

Jacob Barkman's shack stood in the place where we now have the Kleefeld post office. They stayed here 10 days before they went on to Steinbach.

The village of Steinbach was laid out in 18 lots, all owned by Kleengements. Our grandfather's lot was #9, right in the middle of the village. It is the same place where C. T. Loewen and Sons have their business. The Loewen brothers are great-grandsons. The property has always been owned by the Toews family.

All lots faced the street and at the back they fronted a creek. Across the creek was the land that was farmed. Some of the parcels of land were quite far. The cows were taken to a common pasture at the south end of the village every morning and brought back at night.

The settlers got to Steinbach towards the end of September and started immediately to build shelter for the winter. Our grandfather dug a hole about 2 feet deep and 24' x 40". The walls were made of poles and plaster made of mud. The roof was also made of poles, hay and dirt. Half of this building, called a "Similyn," was used as living quarters for the family and the other half as quarters for the animals.

The dirt for the roof was scraped together around the building and had been infested with grasshopper eggs. When this roof got warm in winter from the stove these eggs hatched and the young grasshoppers began to hop all over the place. Next summer the grasshoppers ate their first crop and seed grain had to be shipped from outside to this desperately struggling little settlement in the swamp and bush.

All of those 18 lots had "similyns." I remember, as little children we used to play in the hollow where our grandfather had dug the first "similyn." I wouldn't be surprised if this hollow place still could be found on the C. T. Loewen yard.

The winter of 1874 and 1875 was very cold. The grasshoppers ate everything next summer. In 1875 these sturdy people had their first crop. In that year Peter Barkman and others built a few miles from the village a steam-powered flour mill. Three smaller windmills were also erected in the vicinity.

This year, Mr. Hespler, the German counsellor in Winnipeg, hired the Mennonites to cut logs in his bush 13 miles east of Steinbach. He paid them \$700.00. In this connection Henry Wiebe froze to death 3 miles north of Steinbach. When John Carleton, a Canadian settler, who had come a little previous to the Mennonites from Ontario and loved to work with the Mennonites, heard about this he stood and cried. He was also the

reporter of the new settlement for the Federal Government.

In 1877 the first large windmill was built. It was used to saw lumber and for gristing. It ground up about 40 bushels of grain an hour. At first only wholewheat flour was made but by January 1878 milling white flour was begun. Since there was not enough wind here in this bush country, this windmill was sold to the prairie people at Morris, Manitoba and moved in 1879.

In 1880 Barkman and others built a steam-powered mill. It did very well until 1892 when it burned down. It was rebuilt in 1893 and my father became the chief miller and operator in 1896. He did this until 1910 when he moved on a farm 2 miles east of Steinbach where his family of 13 grew up.

All this pioneer work was too hard for our grandfather, Peter Toews. He died (of T.B. perhaps) on May 8 at 8 p.m. and was buried on May 10, 1882. Peter, my father and later the miller, was 10 at the time and the oldest boy in the family. Much of the farm work depended on him and his sister Katharina, Mrs. Cornelius Kroeker.

My grandmother was a seamstress and sewed for others. C. B. Loewen, her son-in-law has an entry in his diary about paying her \$3.70 for sewing a suit. Perhaps this was his wedding suit for he got married to her daughter, Anna, that year. Grandmother with her enterprising nature and outstanding ability kept the family together and going in these extremely demanding pioneer years.

After being a widow for 10 years, she married Henry L. Friesen and moved to Morris, Manitoba, about 40 miles west of Steinbach. She took the 2 youngest children with her and became the stepmother of Friesen's 8 children, 2 to 18. They had lived together for 18 years when she again became a widow and moved back to Steinbach where she lived in her own house with her daughter Katharina, Mrs. Cor. Kroeker, until she died of the flu in 1918.

Of the entire original Peter Toews (first generation) Peter alone was a "Kleengementa" and moved with them instead with his family. Here in America he soon died and the families remained in different churches and countries. With better transportation and communication through the years individuals of the Toews families got together more frequently and what differences there perhaps were, have been levelled out as does the weather the surface of the earth.

We all cherish our common past, appreciate being of the same family, and have the great pleasure of getting together as never before. The biggest such event in our lives was the Toewsfest in 1961. The Lord has, indeed, been good to the Toews clan.

The two second generation families Peter Toews and Cornelius Loewen came to America together and later Anna Toews married Cornelius Loewen. Cornelius Loewen's diary tells us about several occurrences that affected both of these families.

In Russia the Kleinegemeinde came from Borozenko, a settlement in the old colony in the western part of the whole Mennonite complex in Russia. The Bergthaler came from the Bergthal settlement about 200 miles east of the Borozenko settlement. Bergthal was in the Molotschna area, started after the first colony was established.

The reason perhaps why these two distant churches got together and left at the same time in toto for America was that they were more conservative than the other Mennonites. They agreed on four reasons for their going:

1. Religious freedom and exemption from military service
2. Land for everyone at moderate prices
3. The right to live in closed communities, with their own form of local government; use of the German language
4. Sufficient funds to take all the church members.

These were the first to make these demands known and left the country together. The deputies to America that looked for suitable land had 2 Kleingemeinde and 2 Bergthaler.

The settlers disembarked at Poit Levis, Quebec. In 1874 2 groups came, one in July and the other in September. The first had 7 Kleingemeinde and 28 Bergthaler families. Our Peter Toews came in the later group with about 40 Kleingemeinde families.

The food they got from the Mennonites at Collingwood was divided while on the boat. Some families, according to John I Friesen came over Sarnia.

The trip up the Red River was quite a task. There was some stealing but our Mennonite mothers had big body blankets like the Indians had and kept their immediate belongings safely tucked away underneath. Whenever the river curved and

the bush came close, fresh air was at a premium and the mosquitoes were terrible.

Peter Toews was always sickly and died on May 9, 1882. He was the first, perhaps, of the fathers to die of sickness. On June 5, 1876 Jacob Friesen and Rev. Jacob Barkman drowned in the Red River in Winnipeg and Heinrich Wiebe froze to death on Dec. 14 of that year, 3 miles north of Steinbach. He lived in Blumenort where the Loewens lived.

Loewen, who lived in Blumenort, 5 miles north of Steinbach and Joe Cohoe, who lived 3 miles east of Blumenort bought each the first threshing machines in 1879. That fall, because of hail the crop was not very good. What grain there was was gristed with a windmill and rollers made of stone. They were about 6 feet in diameter and about 16" thick.

Next year, 1880, Peter Barkman and others bought a Watrous boiler and engine in the east and set up a steam outfit that gristed during the night and sawed lumber during the day when it wasn't too cold. On cold days the logs were too hard. My father, 3rd generation Peter Toews, was the miller and also took the boards from the saw. He had to be very good in arithmetic because as soon as a log was sawed up he knew how many board feet of lumber he had.

Introduction to the Coming of the Peter Toews Family

Manitoba in 1870 was still almost a primeval prairie wilderness. It was only three years since the Canadian government had bought out the rights of the Hudson Bay Company to the territory, and had organized it into a province. The entire white population scarcely exceeded one thousand people, scattered about a few trading posts along the Red and Assiniboine and Lake Winnipeg. A few French traders at Portage la Prairie, some seventy miles away, occupied the farthest outpost to the west. The great bulk of the population consisted of half-breeds with a smaller number of pure Indians. Liberal homestead laws now began to attract settlers.

In 1871 Cornelius Janzen, a merchant in Berdyansk began to correspond with J. F. Funk in America and the English Colonial Secretary in London about Mennonites settling in Canada. Ottawa immediately sent William Hespeler, their representative

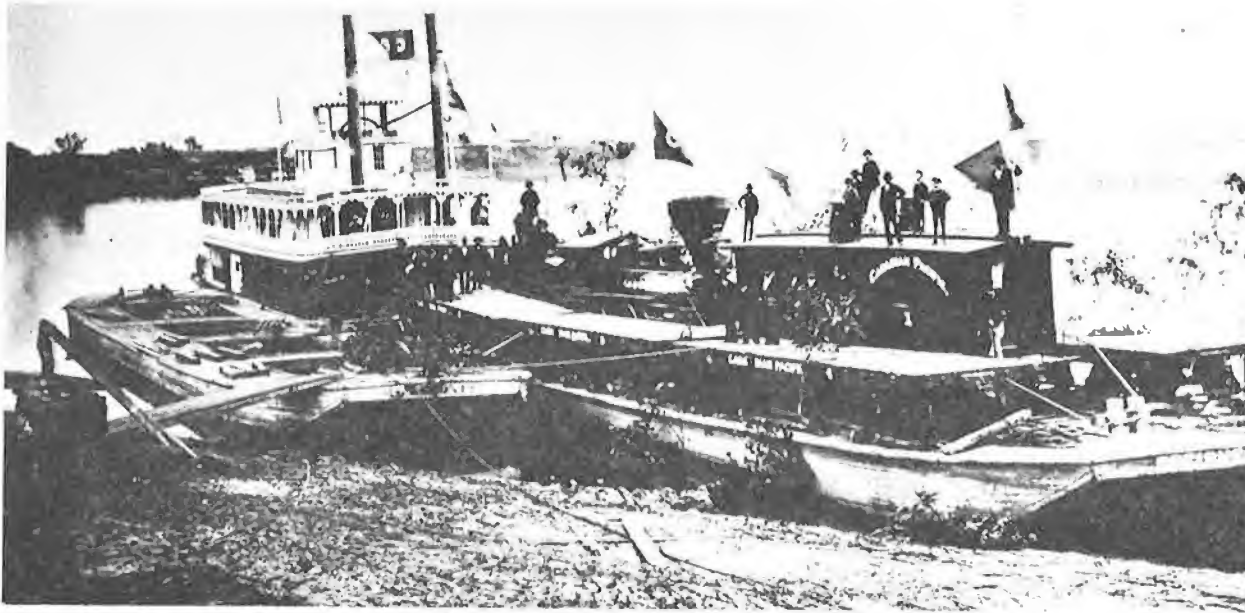
who happened to be in Germany, to contact the Mennonites and induce them to come.

In 1872, three young fellows, Philip Wiebe, Bernhard War-kentin and Peter Dyck for the sake of adventure toured a good part of the States. They had with them Jacob Boehr, an older person, to accompany them. All of them went back except War-kentin who made his home at Summerfield, Illinois, about 25 miles from St. Louis. Their reports stirred up the Mennonites.

In 1873, the Russian Mennonites sent 12 delegates, not all in one group, to find out about settlements in America. The Kleinegemeinde and Bergthaler delegates settled for Manitoba and before they returned to Russia they had signed with the Canadian Government for their churches to come to Manitoba. They began to arrive in August the next year.

The other delegates did not recommend Manitoba. Their reason was: "too many half-breeds, grasshoppers, mosquitoes, wet land, and cold winters." In spite of such poor attractions these people came to be more isolated "from the world."

On the next page we have an excerpt from the Carillon News Feb. 2, 1967 telling us what Manitoba around 1873 was like. The Canadian Government worked hard through their representative J. Y. Schantz, an Old Mennonite in Ontario, to induce these settlers to come.



In this historic scene of early Winnipeg, the first railway locomotive to enter Manitoba is brought up the Red River and across the border from Moorhead, Minnesota, by the stern-wheeler Selkirk, together with six flatcars and a caboose, in June, 1876. The locomotive, whose stack is visible in center, was named 'Countess of Dufferin'

Whitened, unnamed peaks that thrust up out of nowhere to graze the sky. Billowing crops of grain that unroll over the prairie like an endless carpet. Roaring rivers that never leave the wilderness. Teeming cities, snaking freight trains and buzzing airports. A hundred thousand fishing boats. Icefalls and waterfalls, scree and sod, Doukhobor and French Canadian, British-immigrant and Old Mennonite, Toronto financier and Aklavik *Esquimaux*.

This is Canada.

This week in history

Winter, 1873, at Winnipeg: For the first time in almost 70 years, since the beginnings of settlement at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, the fur trade took a back seat to a new industry: construction. The crack of the carpenter's hammer and the scream of his saw muted the sound of Red River carts, freight-furs and trade goods.

The settlement, which had grown from a few buildings erected by free traders outside the Hudson's Bay company Fort Garry, was growing this winter with startling rapidity.

The first issue of the Manitoba Free Press dated November 9, 1872, reported that the population in Winnipeg in 1870 had been 300 persons.

The next year a growth equal to 133 per cent was registered and by November 1872 another 100% increase was shown, bringing the total population to 1,467.

But like most frontier towns of that time there was a heavy preponderance of men with a ratio of more than two to one. There were 1,019 men to 448 women.

Whenever a family with daughters arrived, there was no lack of ardent suitors. The Free Press of that day reported: "One gentleman after giving large inducements to attract a favourite servant to accompany his family from Ontario had to hand her over to an ex-volunteer (one of the military force that had accompanied Wolsely to the west in 1870) in the third day after her arrival."

The paper also reported other equally hasty muptials. A tailor who had taught his daughters to

sew and was reaping rich rewards, "suddenly finds one of his animated sewing machines rushing off to stitch exclusively for a young Canada whom she had first seen only a few days before."

Building and contracting continued for another year to be the main industry in the growing metropolis. At the end of that year there were 903 buildings in Winnipeg. These included 408 dwellings, 17 hotels, 23 boarding houses and 27 manufacturing establishments. Another 421 buildings were described as "miscellaneous", and included barns, wood sheds and the like. The "miscellaneous" figure probably would have been higher had statistics included another type of accommodation, which was very much in evidence outside each dwelling but delicately avoided by historians.

There were seven saloons and most of the 17 hotels had bars, so there was no lack of drinks in this lusty brawling town. For the person who preferred water there was also a plentiful supply which came straight and untreated from one of the two rivers.

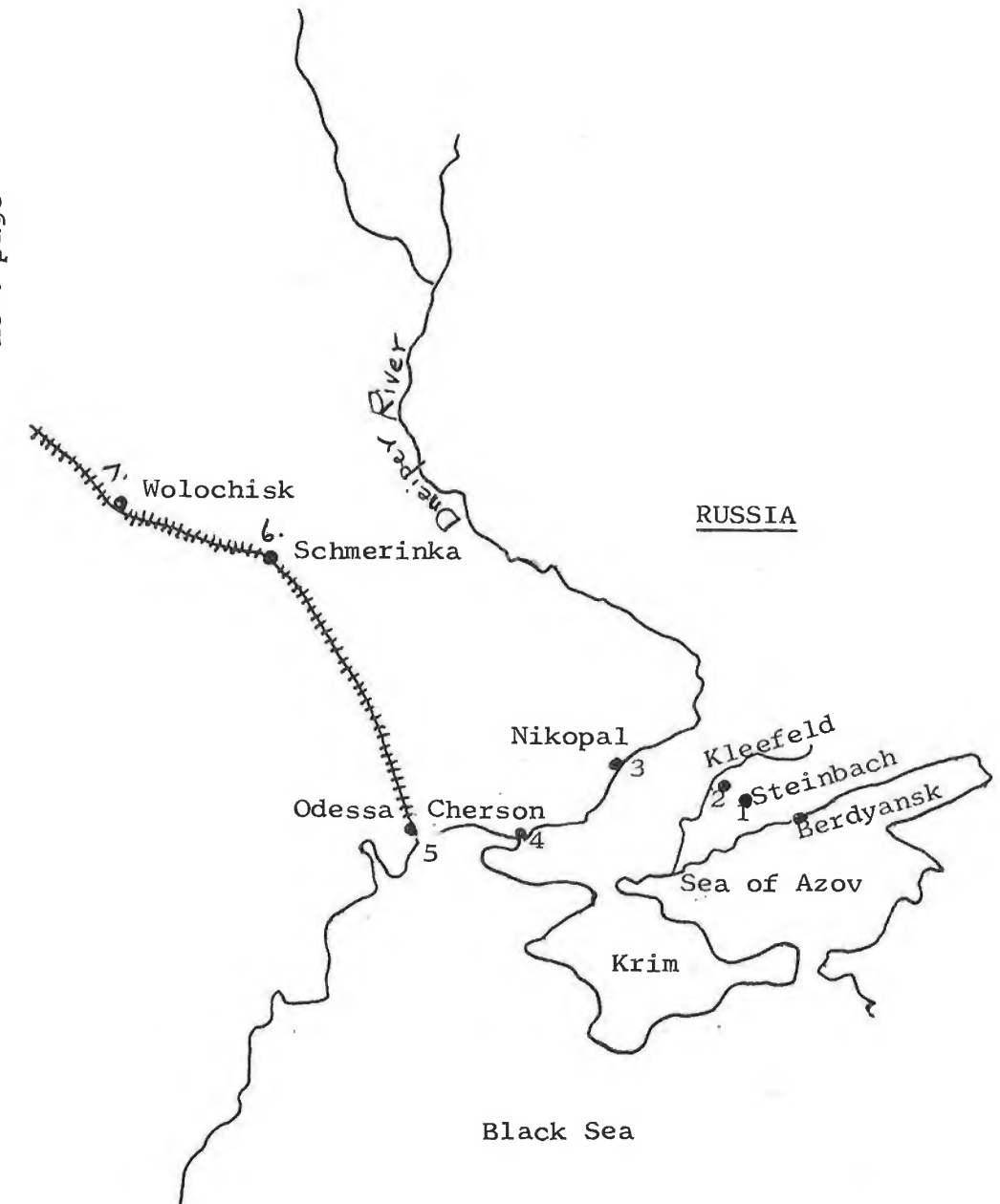
Dr. W. J. Healy, in his book, Winnipeg's Early Days wrote: "... Winnipeg's first water man, James Irvin, completed a scaffold out from the bank of the Red River. From this he dipped a pipe and pump to procure the purest water possible. In 1873 George Rath improved on the water service by introducing it into the householders tanks by means of a 40-foot hose."

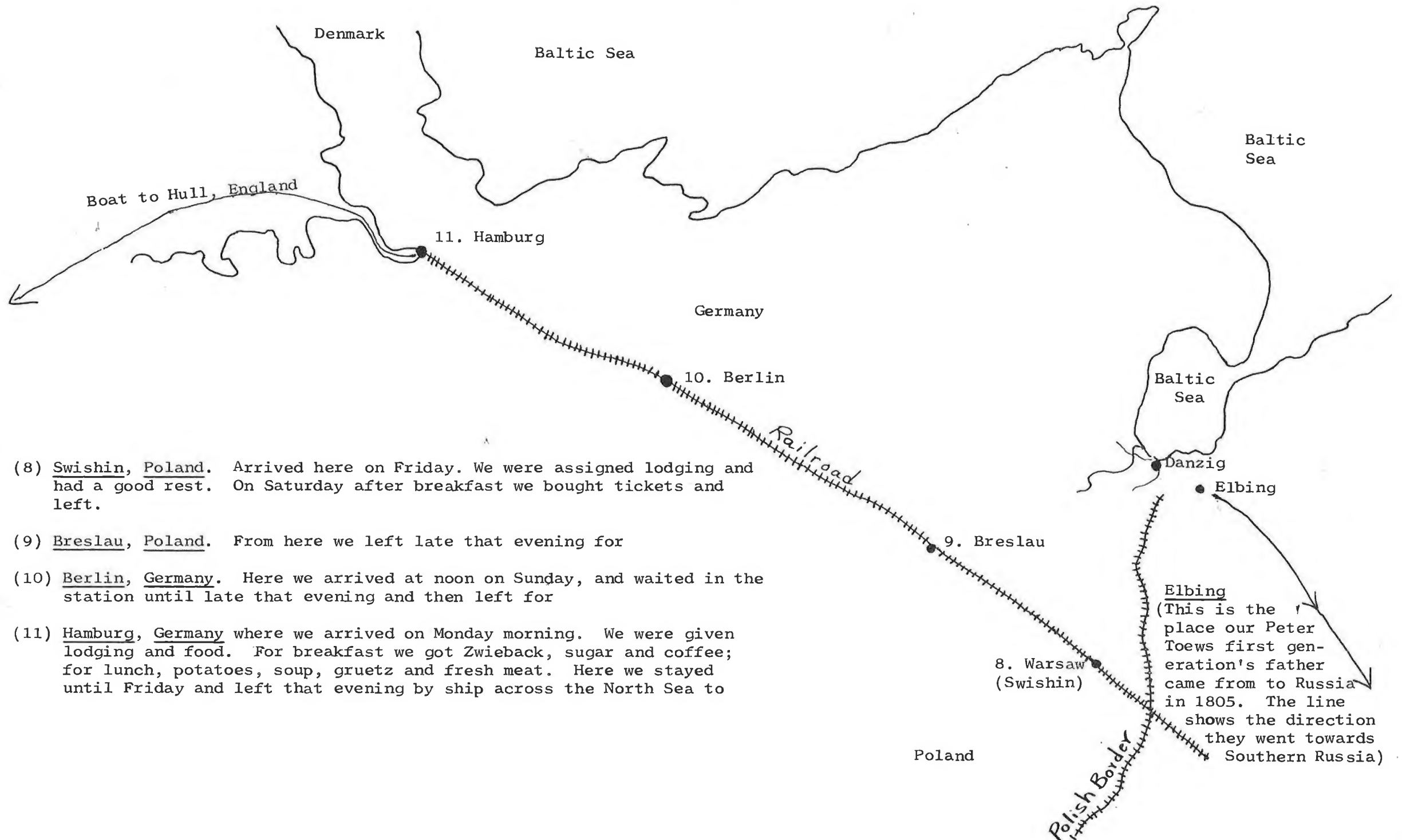
The Journey of Peter Toews from Steinbach and Kleefeld in
Russia to Steinbach and Kleefeld in Manitoba
(From Cornelius Loewen's diary)

The numbers refer to the places on the map. Here is what happened in each of the places.

- (1) Steinbach, Russia. About 10 miles east of Kleefeld. Peter was born in Kleefeld but here in America he was one of the 20 Steinbach original settlers. Here in America (Manitoba) was also about 10 miles east of Kleefeld.
- (2) Kleefeld, Russia. Here all our Toewses were born. Most likely they knew some of the Steinbach people. It is from this area that the following Loewen diary begins.
- (3) Nikopol, Russia on the Dnieper River. This was the river where they took the boat.
June 1, Saturday
June 1, 1874 - Saturday - we left our sod home and came to Nilopel. We brought our baggage into the ship, stayed overnight.
- (4) Cherson, Russia. The boat arrived here next day. Stayed here until Monday.
- (5) Odessa, Russia. Got here Monday and prepared to take the train. We took the train at Odessa on Tuesday.
- (6) Schmerinka, Russia arrived here Wednesday evening. Here we changed to another train and went to Wolochisk.
- (7) Wolochisk, Russia where we arrived on Thursday forenoon. Here our passports were examined. We took tickets to Pod which was across the river. Our baggage was checked for weight. (This must have been the port of entry into Poland.) Stayed here all day.

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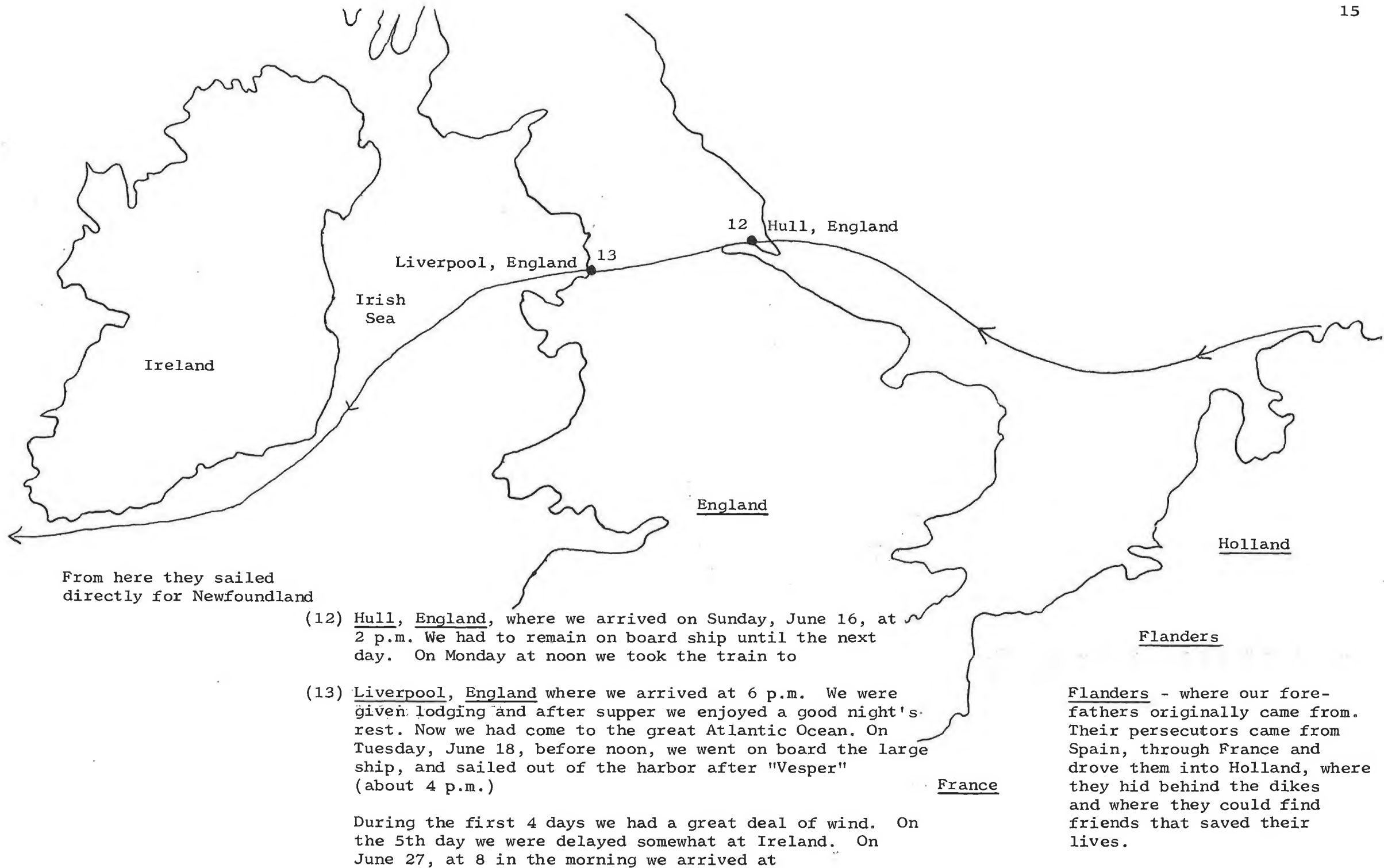


(8) Swishin, Poland. Arrived here on Friday. We were assigned lodging and had a good rest. On Saturday after breakfast we bought tickets and left.

(9) Breslau, Poland. From here we left late that evening for

(10) Berlin, Germany. Here we arrived at noon on Sunday, and waited in the station until late that evening and then left for

(11) Hamburg, Germany where we arrived on Monday morning. We were given lodging and food. For breakfast we got Zwieback, sugar and coffee; for lunch, potatoes, soup, gruetz and fresh meat. Here we stayed until Friday and left that evening by ship across the North Sea to



(14) St. John's, Newfoundland (9 days on the ocean) and stopped here three hours, Here some people left the ship and some cargo was unloaded. We also took a walk. We saw many icebergs and whales near Newfoundland. On Sunday June 30, at 8 in the morning we arrived in

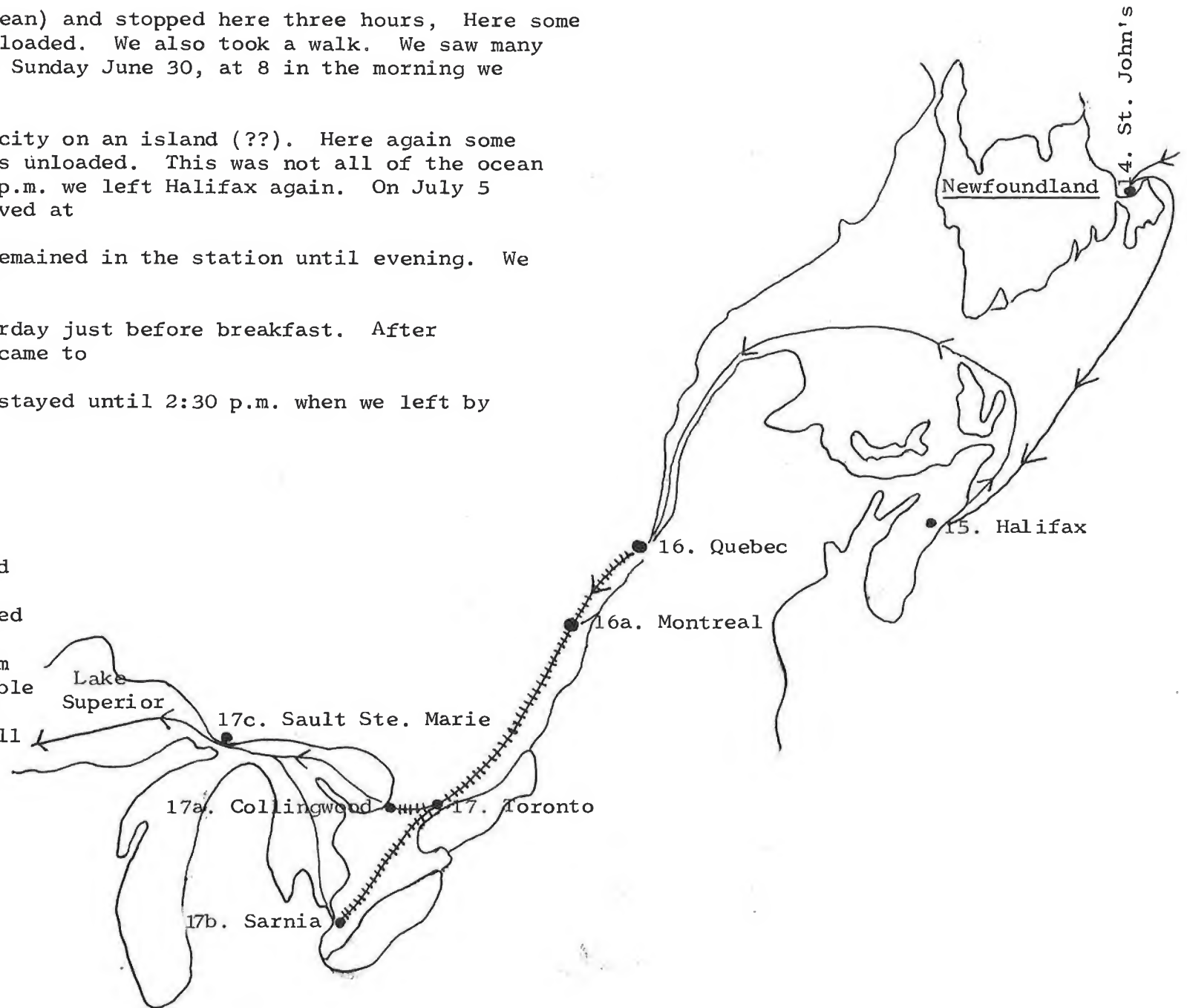
(15) Halifax, Canada (about 3 days) which is a city on an island (??). Here again some passengers left the boat and much cargo was unloaded. This was not all of the ocean we had to cross. On Monday, July 1, at 6 p.m. we left Halifax again. On July 5 (July 17 America time) at sunrise, we arrived at

(16) Quebec, Canada (another 4 days) Here we remained in the station until evening. We boarded the train and left immediately for

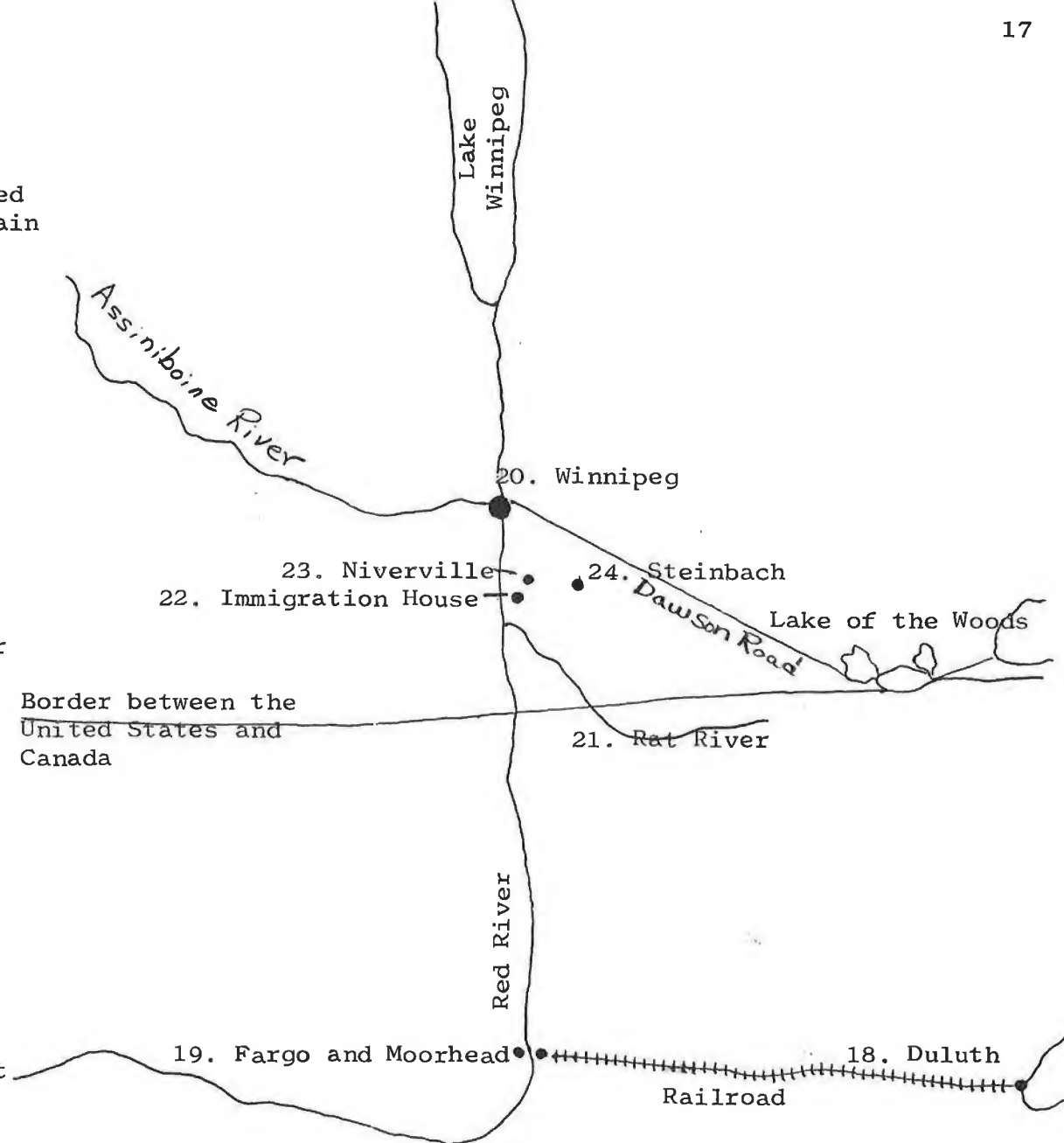
Montreal, Quebec, where we arrived on Saturday just before breakfast. After breakfast we again travelled by train and came to

(17) Toronto, Ontario, on Sunday at 9 a.m. and stayed until 2:30 p.m. when we left by train for

(17a) Collingwood a distance of about 65 miles where we arrived at that evening. Before we left by boat at 11:30 that night, Old Mennonites who had settled in Ontario in 1786 and later, welcomed us at Collingwood and brought us barrels of dried apples, salted meat and butter. They also arranged with the authorities that we did not have to go over the difficult Dawson Trail from the border to Winnipeg (an almost impossible trail through bush and mosquito infested swamps which the soldiers had used to quell the Riel Rebellion 4 years before the Mennonites came. After 4 days and nights on Lakes Huron and Superior we arrived at



- (18) Duluth, Minnesota, on Saturday, July, 10 p.m. We observed Sunday as a day of rest. On Monday 2 p.m. we left by train and arrived at
- (19) Moorhead, Minnesota. At sunrise on Tuesday. We had now come to the banks of the Red River where we embarked at 2 p.m. for
- (20) Winnipeg, Manitoba. On Friday evening (this river-boat trip took $3\frac{1}{2}$ days). On Friday evening and Saturday, August 1, we spent in Winnipeg where many of our weary travellers did some shopping and then returned to our boat. Several of our company remained in Winnipeg and went to the other side of the river. We went back to our boat and travelled south again back to the
- (21) Rat River (a little river flowing into the Red River, our boat from Moorhead to Winnipeg had passed it going north to Winnipeg) just opposite the land that we were to live on. We landed here at dawn on August 2, 1874, and this was a Sunday. Further transportation by the Canadian Government now ceased and we were on our own. We sat there on the banks of the river with no buildings in sight. Two rigs had been brought from Winnipeg and several half-breeds were now hired to take us (the half-breeds helped the mothers and children) to the
- (22) Immigration Halls which had been built for our group, a few miles south of the present town of (stayed here about 9 days)
- Niverville, Manitoba. From here we were taken by ox-cart to Kleefeld about 10 miles southeast and then another 9 miles east to
- (23) Steinbach, Manitoba, a mere spot on a buffalo trail along a creek our future home. The present town of Steinbach is located on this same place.



Grandfather Toews of the first generation was married to Elizabeth Penner on May 2, 1839 in Kleefeld. She was born on Feb. 16, 1818 and in the same village. My stepmother, married to my father in 1926 in Manitoba, was a relative of hers. After 29 years of happy marriage her husband died on Feb. 27, 1867 at the age of 49.

After 4½ years of great-grandfather's decease, great-grandmother was married to Jacob Worms, who had 4 children, 3 girls and one boy. This was on Oct. 21, 1871, just 3 years before the exodus to America began. Great-grandmother wrote down her prayer at the time which read: "der Herr sei mit uns in unserem Ehestande und lasse sein Gnadenantlitz ueber uns leuchten" (may the Lord be with our marriage and may his graciousness abide with us and brighten our path). She was 53 at the time of her marriage.

The Worms lived southeast of Henderson on the farm. Mr. Worms was a heavyset person and one day while he cut grass around the house, he fell over dead on June 25, 1890. Grandma Worms went to live for a while with Cornelius Toews at Kirk until her son Abram moved to Salt Creek, Oregon when she went along with him. Later she came back to North Dakota where she stayed with her children until she died in 1905.

There are still a number of Worms descendants, Jacob Worms, close to 90 and at present in the Eventide Home in Mountain Lake, Minnesota is her step-grandson, another step-grandson was John Worms of Winkler, Manitoba, who married Mrs. A. P. Toews' sister. Mrs. J. C. Pankratz, Butterfield, Minnesota is the 4th generation of this family. Others, Mrs. Kroeker, Mrs. Harder and Mrs. Jacob Voth live around Henderson.

Our first generation Peter Toews had 10 children, 6 came to America and 4 died in Russia. Of those who died in Russia, only Heinrich was married. Since he did not contribute to the Toewses in America we have his family report here. Beyond this we have no information.

Heinrich died four months after his father. It is possible that he died also of T.B. My grandfather, Peter Toews, also died young and perhaps of lung and kidney trouble. He died at Steinbach, Manitoba.

2nd Generation

Heinrich Toews was born on Jan. 22, 1845 in Kleefeld, Russia. He also died there on May 21, 1867. His age was 22 years, 3 mo. 29 days. We have no record of his marriage. On Dec. 25, 1867 a son was born who lived only about 7 mo. Our 1st generation mother was mother of 10 children; grandmother of 59; great-grandmother of 107; great-great-grandmother of 2.

First Generation

Peter Toews

born Jan. 27, 1818
in Kleefeld, Russia
died on Feb. 27, 1867
in Kleefeld, Russia.
Cause of death not known,
perhaps tuberculosis.
Age: 49 years, 1 month
Occupation: likely farmed
a small landholding and was
a "Poddwoddfohrra" (drayman).
He belonged to the Mennonite Church.
Married to Elizabeth Penner
on May 2, 1838 at Kleefeld,
Russia; born February 16,
1818 in Kleefeld, Russia;
died on April 16, 1905 at
Munich, North Dakota of a
stroke. Age: 87 years, 2
months. She belonged to
the Mennonite Church.

Children - 2nd Generation

Peter

born March 21, 1839
in Kleefeld, Russia
died May 9, 1882
in Steinbach, Manitoba

Cornelius

born July 19, 1840
in Lindenau, Russia
died October 27, 1919
at Joes, Colorado.

Maria

born Dec. 11, 1841
in Kleefeld, Russia
Died April 22, 1843
in Kleefeld, Russia

Anna (Quiring)

born Oct. 19, 1843
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Oct. 11, 1926
at Munich, North Dakota

Heinrich

born Jan. 22, 1845
at Kleefeld, Russia
died May 21, 1867
at Kleefeld, Russia

Johann

born June 27, 1846
at Kleefeld, Russia
died Aug. 28, 1910
at Morse, Saskatchewan

Elizabeth

born Jan. 15, 1848
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Sept. 15, 1851
at Kleefeld, Russia

Maria (Janzen)

born July 15, 1850
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Jan. 21, 1932
at Munich, North Dakota

Abraham

born July 5, 1863
at Kleefeld, Russia
died March 6, 1919
at Morse, Saskatchewan

Jacob - twin to Abraham

born July 5, 1863
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Dec. 5, 1863
in Kleefeld, Russia

2nd GenerationPeter Toews

born March 21, 1839
 in Kleefeld (?) Russia
 died May 9, 1882
 in Steinbach, Manitoba
 perhaps of heart and TB
 Age: 43 years, 1 month and
 18 days
 Occupation: Farmer and teamster
 Church affiliation: The Bergtaler
 Church (Grosse Kirche) Russia and
 later the "Kleine Gemeinde" Church
 Married to Elizabeth Reimer
 in 1860
 in Kleefeld, Russia
 born Oct. 20, 1843
 in Rosenort, Russia
 died Dec. 3, 1918
 in Steinbach, Manitoba
 of the "flu" (pneumonia)
 Age: 75 years, 1 month and
 13 days
 Profession: seamstress
 Church affiliation: At first she
 belonged to the Bergtale Mennonite
 Church and later to the "Kleine Ge-
 meinde" Mennonite Church.

3rd Generation - ChildrenElizabeth (Reimer)

born Dec. 1, 1861
 in Kleefeld, Russia
 died in 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anna (Loewen)

born Nov. 3, 1863
 in Kleefeld, Russia
 died Nov. 11, 1902
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Katharina (Kroeker)

born July 13, 1866
 in Kleefeld, Russia
 died Jan. 16, 1838
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Peter

born Jan. 1, 1872
 in Kleefeld, Russia
 died Sept. 21, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Abraham

born March 20, 1873
 at Kleefeld, Russia
 Still living at the time of
 this writing - close to 93
 in Steinbach, Manitoba

Maria

born in 1875
 in Steinbach, Manitoba
 died when still quite young
 in Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaretha (Ratzlaff)

born Dec. 7, 1877
 in Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 2, 1938
 in Abbotsford, Br. Columbia

Klaas

born March 8, 1879
 in Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Aug. 29, 1954
 in Steinbach, Manitoba

Johan

born April 1, 1881
 in Steinbach, Manitoba
 Still living (Jan. 1966)
 in the Steinbach Rest Home

3rd Generation

Elizabeth Toews (Reimer)
born Dec. 1, 1861
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Nov. 1922
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Cause of death
Age: Almost 50 years
Church affiliation: former-
ly Kleinegemeinde (now Evan-
gelical Mennonite Church),
later, Holdeman Church of God
in Christ, Mennonite)
Married to Johan W. Reimer
in 1881 at Steinbach, Mani-
toba.
born April 10, 1861
in Russia
died Dec. 29, 1952
in Goessel, Kansas
Cause of death:
Age: 91 years, 8 months, 19
days
Occupation: Farmer and car-
penter
Church affiliation: Formerly
Kleinegemeinde (EMC), later
Holdeman (now Ch. of God in
Christ, Mennonite)

4th Generation - Children

Johan
born Aug. 24, 1882 in Blumen-
hof (Steinbach), Manitoba
died May 23, 1958 at
Steinbach, Manitoba

Elizabeth (Penner)
born April 21, 1884
at Blumenhof (Steinbach,) Manitoba
died Dec. 13, 1958
at Swalwell, Alberta

Abraham
born Nov. 28, 1887
at Blumenhoff (Steinbach)
Manitoba. Died Feb. 9,
1960 at Grande Prairie, Alta.

Heinrich
born May 17, 1892 at Blumen-
hoff (Steinbach) Manitoba
died Feb. 6, 1964
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaretha (Giesbrecht)
born April 14, 1894
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anna (Ensz)
born Jan. 3, 1896
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Peter
born 1898 at Steinbach
Manitoba. Died Nov. 1925,
at Giroux, Manitoba
**(See the note about
Peter's death at the end
of this family register).

Jacob
born April 10, 1900 at
Steinbach, Manitoba

Tina (Toews)
born July 13, 1904
at Steinbach, Manitoba

**Peter's Death
Peter was born in 1898. When
he was four he had a severe
attack of scarlet fever
which caused him to be deaf
the rest of his life. He
could talk well before his
illness but after he lost
his hearing he gradually lost
his speech until it was all

gone. In later years when he
was concerned to make himself
understood he pulled his mouth
to one side and made an almost
inaudible deep guttural sound
but that was all.

He attended the deaf and
dumb school in Winnipeg for
six years. He learned to read
and write and could say a few
words. After he quit the
school he lost those words a-
gain and relied totally on sign
language in which his brother
Jacob, two years younger, and
he conversed quite fluently.
Each member of the family con-
versed with him somewhat in
his own way.

The Reimers moved to Little-
field, Texas, in 1916 and re-
turned to Canada in 1918 be-
cause of the First World War.
Here in Texas, at the age of 19,
Peter had a conversion exper-
ience. He confessed his faith
in the Lord Jesus Christ and
appropriated the salvation of
his soul through the grace of
the Lord Jesus.

Since his mother's death in
1922, when he was 24, Peter
always had the desire to "go
home." One evening he was es-
pecially thoughtful and think-
ing about heaven and even
spelled out the word "heaven"
with his fingers. Later in
the evening when his brother
Jacob looked through the win-
dow into his room he saw him
talk to God and smile.

Next day he was found dead
beside the railroad track about
two miles east of their place.
Most likely he had wanted to go
"some place," tried to take a

moving freight train which at
this place goes rather slow
up hill. It is believed that
the train went faster than he
realized. It hit him and he
was found frozen stiff next
morning by the section men.
Just how he died is not known.
Perhaps he was instantly kill-
ed or slipped, was hurt, fell
back into the ditch and froze
to death. The section men
brought the body to Giroux
next morning, a distance of
about two miles. The body was
put beside a stove in my
brother Peter's garage and it
took all day before it was
thawed out enough to put into
the coffin. His age was 27.



On the left: Cornelius Ratz-
laffs (Margaretha Toews) On
the right: Johan Reimers
(Elizabeth Toews)

4th GenerationJohn Toews Reimer

born Aug. 24, 1882 at
Blumenhof, (near Steinbach,)
Manitoba; died May 23, 1958
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Age: 75 years, 8 mo. 29 days
Occupation: Carpenter
Church affiliation: Always
Church of God in Christ, Men-
nonite
Married to Anna Fast on April
15, 1910 at Langdon, North
Dakota
born Nov. 5, 1885 at Langdon,
North Dakota
Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affiliation: Always
Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenElmer

born Sept. 28, 1911
at Clearsprings, Man.
(close to Steinbach)

Nettie

born April 26, 1913
at Clearsprings, Man.

Mary

born Dec. 9, 1914
at Clearsprings, Man.

Daniel

born July 9, 1917
at Littlefield, Texas

Yvonne

born April 28, 1919
at Clearsprings, Man.

Gladys

born Aug. 4, 1923
at Clearsprings, Man.

Edna

born March 23, 1921
at Clearsprings, Man.
Profession: Missionary
Church affiliation:
Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite

Jessie

born Sept. 18, 1926
at Clearsprings, Man.
Profession: Registered
Nurse
Church affiliation:
Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite

5th Generation

Elmer Fast Reimer born Sept.
28, 1911 at Clearsprings,
Man. Address: Steinbach,
Man. Occupation: Bricklay-
er and Masonry. Church af-
filiation: Always, Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite.
Married to Leona Unruh Toews
on Oct. 6, 1940 at Stal-
well, Alberta; born March 8,
1916 at Swalwell, Alberta.
Church affiliation: Always,
Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenOrval Kenneth

born July 10, 1941
and died July 11, 1941 at
Steinbach, Manitoba

Winnifred Ann

born Sept. 12, 1946 at
Swalwell, Alberta
Church affiliation: Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite

Romelda May

born Oct. 16, 1948
at Swalwell, Alberta
Church affiliation: Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite

Murray Kenneth

born May 12, 1953
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wilbert Elmer

born Aug. 17, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationNettie Fast Reimer

born April 26, 1913 at
Clearsprings, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Church affiliation: Be-
fore marriage, none;
after, the Evangelical
Mennonite Church. Mar-
ried to Cornelius Unger
Klassen on Dec. 2, 1932
at Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Born Dec. 28, 1908 at
Hochstadt, Manitoba
Occupation: Manitoba
Telephone System
Church affiliation: Al-
ways, Evangelical Men-
nonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenLeona Violet

born May 7, 1934
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

John Ryan

born Dec. 28, 1935
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Bernard Rodney

born Sept. 12, 1937
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Glenn Rudolph

born Nov. 4, 1939
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Alfrieda Anne

born Sept. 30, 1941
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cornelius Ronald

born April 3, 1943 at
Steinbach, Man. At
present a student at
Manitoba University.
Church affiliation:
Evang. Menn. Church

Elizabeth Marie

born May 21, 1945 at
Steinbach, Man. Pro-
fession: Man. Tele-
phone. Church affil-
iation: Evang. Menn.
Church

Peter Ralph

born Oct. 24, 1946
at Steinbach, Man.

Linda Janice

born Dec. 13, 1949
at Steinbach, Man.

Daniel Roger

born March 30, 1949
at Steinbach, Man.

Julia Katherine

born August 5, 1950
at Steinbach, Man.

Sandra Louise

born Nov. 26, 1952
at Steinbach, Man.

Kenneth Ray

born Aug. 29, 1956
at Steinbach, Man.

6th GenerationLeona Violet Klassen

born May 7, 1934 at Winnipeg,
Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Evangelical
Mennonite Church

Married to John Buhler Gies-
brecht on Sept. 9, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 1, 1933

at Horndean, Manitoba

Occupation: Construction Con-
tractor

Church affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Mennonite Church

7th Generation - ChildrenArthur John

born July 19, 1956

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Bruce Edward

born Aug. 23, 1957

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Clarice Annette

born Jan. 27, 1961

Steinbach, Manitoba

Dale Robert

born Jan. 27, 1961

at Canora, Saskatchewan

Elfrieda Sharon Beth

born June 5, 1962

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Leona Joye

born Jan. 13, 1965

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationJohn Ryan Klassen

born Dec. 28, 1935

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Constance Helen

Reimer on Sept. 4, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always

Evangelical Mennonite Church

7th Generation - ChildrenHeather Jane

born July 19, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lois June

born June 26, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Raymond John

born Jan. 31, 1965

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationBernard Rodney Klassen

born Sept. 12, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Beit Jala, Jordan

Occupation: Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Nettie Enns on

July 1, 1960 at Brandon, Man.,

born May 27, 1937 at Rivers, Man.

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren, later,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

7th Generation - ChildrenAnna Louise

born Feb. 7, 1963

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th GenerationGlenn Rudolf Klassen

born Nov. 4, 1939 at

Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Man.

Occupation: Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

Married to Betty Brandt

on Sept. 3, 1964 at

Rosenort, Manitoba

born July 19, 1936 at

Rosenort, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always

Evangelical Menn. Church

6th GenerationAlfrieda Anne Klassen

born Sept. 30, 1941 at

Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Churchill, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Harold Jacob Dyck

on August 21, 1964 at

Steinbach, Manitoba

born April 7, 1941

at Hague, Saskatchewan

Occupation: Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

5th GenerationMary Reimer

born Dec. 9, 1914 at

Clearsprings, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Church of God in Christ, Men-
noniteMarried to Frank Penner Froese
on

at

born April 16, 1912

at Morris, Manitoba

Occupation: Plumber

Church affiliation: Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite6th Generation - ChildrenLewis Ray

born May 28, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Loewen Body Shop

Jeanette Anne

born Sept. 13, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationJeanette Reimer Froese

born Sept. 13, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Selkirk, Manitoba

Profession: Telephone Operator

Church affiliation: None

Married to John Barkman

on Aug. 8, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Nov. 23, 1935

at Greenland, Manitoba

Occupation:

Church affiliation: None given

6th GenerationDennis Reimer Froese

born April 17, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Boston, Manitoba

Occupation: Plumber

Church affiliation: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Ruth Klassen Wohl-
gemuth on June 10, 1965

at Greenland, Manitoba

born

at Greenland, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite6th GenerationRobert Reimer Froese

born April 16, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Seven Sisters Falls,
Man.

Occupation: Plumber

Church affiliation: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Katherine JudithBarkman on Dec. 28, 1962

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born July 18, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite7th Generation - ChildrenRobert Keith

born Sept. 27, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cheri Lynn

born Aug. 28, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dennis Peter

born April 17, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Robert Kenneth

born April 16, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Melvin Henry

born Oct. 31, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Norma Helen

born Jan. 17, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ronald Alfred

born July 13, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Larry James

born Dec. 15, 1947

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Franklin George

born May 1, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Herald Raymond

born Aug. 19, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Brent Gordon

born June 28, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dale Edward John

born Nov. 18, 1958

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationMelvin Reimer Froese

born Oct. 31, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Seven Sisters, Manitoba

Occupation: Plumber

Church affiliation: None

Married to Elsie Darlene Friesen

on Dec. 7, 1963 at Steinbach,

Manitoba

born April 10, 1946

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation:

7th Generation - ChildrenKimberly Joy

born July 30, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationDaniel Fast Reimer

born July 9, 1917 at Little-

field, Texas

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Carpenter

Church affiliation: Always,

Church of God in Christ, Men-

nonite

Married to Agnes GiesbrechtPenner on May , 1941 at

Greenland, Manitoba; born

May , 1922 at Landmark, Man.

died January , 1947 at Stein-

bach, Manitoba of burns.

Age: 26 years, 8 months

Church affiliation: Always,

Church of God in Christ, Menn.

Married to Mary Goertzen

on April 12, 1952 at Stein-

bach, Manitoba

born at Gretna, Man. on Nov.

11, 1921

Church affiliation: Formerly

Sommerfelder Mennonite; Later,

Church of God in Christ, Menn.

6th Generation - ChildrenFrank (Goertzen) (Reimer)

born May 18, 1941

at Altona, Manitoba

Emiline Joyce (Toews) (Reimer)

born Aug. 17, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Daniel Bernhard (Goertzen)

(Reimer)

born June 18, 1950

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Brian Roger John (Reimer)

born June 18, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationGladys Reimer

born Aug. 4, 1923

at Clearsprings, Manitoba

Address: Heart Valley, Alberta

Church affiliation: Always,

Church of God in Christ, Men-

nonite

Married to Aaron Eidse

on Sept. 17, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 27, 1921

at Rosenort, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Church of God in Christ, Men-

nonite

6th Generation - ChildrenSharon

born July 24, 1946

at Morris, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Sylvia

born March 12, 1949

at Morris, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Allen

born April 12, 1953

at Morris, Manitoba

Aline

born July 29, 1955

at Morris, Manitoba

Kenneth (adopted)

born Sept. 1, 1963

at Edmonton, Alberta

4th GenerationElizabeth Toews Reimer

born April 21, 1884
 at Blumenhoff, Manitoba
 died Sept. 22, 1955
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 of kidney trouble
 Age: 71 years, 7 months, 1 day
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.
 Married to Johann Toews Penner
 on Dec. 25, 1921
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 born April 14, 1885
 at Blumenort, Manitoba
 died Dec. 13, 1958
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 of heart attack
 Age: 71 years, 4 months, 1 day
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation: Always
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.

5th Generation - ChildrenEvelyn

born Dec. 1, 1922
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Occupation: Laborer
 Church affiliation: Ch.
 of God in Christ, Menn.

Jessie

born June 17, 1924
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Occupation: Laborer
 Church affiliation: Ch.
 of God in Christ, Menn.

Clifford

born March 26, 1926
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Occupation: Farming

4th GenerationAbraham Toews Reimer

born Nov. 28, 1887
 at Blumenort, Manitoba
 died Feb. 9, 1960
 at Grande Prairie Hos-
 pital, Alberta
 of a heart attack
 Age: 72 years, 2 months,
 12 days
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.
 Married to Katherine Toews
Fast on May 18, 1913
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born July 4, 1887
 at Rosenort, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.
 Address: Crooked Creek, Alta.

5th Generation - ChildrenElizabeth

born Feb. 21, 1914
 at Clearsprings, Man.
 Prof.: Domestic work
 Ch. affil: Church of
 God in Christ, Menn.

Helen

March 30, 1915
 at Clearsprings, Man.

Benj

born March 11, 1917
 at Littlefield, Texas

Levi

born June 2, 1919
 at Steinbach, Man.

Annie

born May 15, 1921
 at Steinbach, Man.
 died Aug. 1922
 at Clearsprings,
 Man. of
Wesley

born June 2, 1923
 at Clearsprings,
 Man.

Florence

born Mar. 25, 1925
 at Steinbach, Man.
Ruby
 born June 14, 1927
 at Steinbach, Man.

Alfred

born Jan. 16, 1930
 at Swalwell, Alta.

5th GenerationHelen Fast Reimer

born March 30, 1915 at
 Clearsprings, Manitoba
 Address: Crooked Creek, Alta.
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Ch.
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Frank Unruh Toews
 on Dec. 30, 1939 at
 Crooked Creek, Alberta
 born Oct. 4. 1913
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.

6th Generation - ChildrenJeanette Katherine

born Oct. 8, 1939
 at Swalwell, Alberta
Ronald Frank
 born Feb. 23, 1942
 at Crooked Creek, Alberta
 Ch. affil: Ch. of God in Christ
 Menn.

Marjorie Lois

born Sept. 11, 1945
 at Swalwell, Alberta

Dorothy Carol

born June 12, 1949
 at Rocky Mount. House, Alberta
 Ch. affil: Ch. of God in Christ,
 Menn.

Gaylord Wayne

born Dec. 27, 1952
 at Rocky Mount. House, Alberta
 Church affiliation: None

Alfred Ellis

born Oct. 15, 1954
 at Swalwell, Alberta

Reuben Gary

born Sept. 18, 1960
 at Crooked Creek, Alberta

6th GenerationJeanette Katherine Toews

born Oct. 8, 1939
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Address: Crooked Creek,
 Alberta
 Church affil.: Always,
 Ch. of God in Christ, Menn.
 Married to Alfred Lavern
Wohlgemuth
 on Oct. 15, 1961
 at Crooked Creek, Alta.
 born Feb. 22, 1938
 at Dryden, Ontario
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always,
 Ch. of God in Christ, Menn.

6th GenerationMarjorie Lois Toews

born Sept. 11, 1945
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Address:
 Church affiliation: Always
 Ch. of God in Christ, Menn.
 Married to Frank Loren

Isaac

on
 at
 born April 20, 1943
 at Morris, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation: Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

5th GenerationBen Fast Reimer

born March 11, 1917
 at Littlefield, Texas
 Address: Crooked Creek, Alta.
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Ch. affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Amanda Ratzlaff
Shartner on March 1, 1942
 at Crooked Creek, Alberta
 born Oct. 4, 1918
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Ch. affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenDyanne

born March 7, 1943
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta
 Ch. affil.: Church of God
 in Christ, Mennonite
Fay Eileen
 born Sept. 8, 1946
 at Grande Prairie, Alta.
 Ch. affil.: Ch. of God in
 Christ, Mennonite

Ruth

born May 17, 1950 at Grande
 Prairie, Alta. Ch. affil.:
 Ch. of God in Christ, Menn.

Stella

born Feb. 22, 1952 at
 Grande Prairie, Alberta

Marilyne

born Dec. 26, 1954 at
 Grande Prairie, Alberta

Gerald

born July 29, 1956 at
 Grande Prairie, Alberta

Sheryl

born Feb. 7, 1959
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Calvén James

born Oct. 10, 1961 at Grand Prairie, Alta.

5th GenerationLevi Fast Reimer

born June 2, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Crooked Creek, Alta.
 Occupation: Farming
 Ch. affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Edna Bartel Toews
 on June 11, 1945
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 born Oct. 4, 1914
 at Swalwell, Alberta
 Ch. affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenKaren Toews

born Aug. 30, 1948
 at Sexsmith, Alberta
 Ch. affil.: Church of God in
 Christ, Mennonite

Stanford Ross

born April 14, 1950
 at Sexsmith, Alberta

Lois Fern

born Jan. 21, 1955
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Sherwyne

born Aug. 12, 1959
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

5th GenerationWesley Fast Reimer

born June 2, 1923
 at Clearsprings, Manitoba
 Address: Debolt, Alberta
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: None
 Married to Rosalie Matlock
 on July 18, 1950
 at Debolt, Alberta
 born April 29, 1929
 at Debolt, Alberta
 Church affiliation: United
 Church of Canada

6th Generation - ChildrenDelma Lee Matlock

born Dec. 20, 1950
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Daryl Glenn Matlock

born Feb. 12, 1952
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Larrie Ellis Matlock

born April 24, 1956
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Sydney Charlie Matlock

born March 17, 1958
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Susan Rae Matlock

born Oct. 30, 1959
 at Grande Prairie, Alberta

5th GenerationFlorence Fast Reimer

born March 25, 1925
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Peace River, Alta.
 Profession: Teaching
 Church affil.: Anglican
 Married to Philip Purves
 on July 9, 1948
 at Elmworth, Alberta
 born April 3, 1924
 at Salmon Arm, B. C.
 Church affil.: Anglican

6th Generation - ChildrenEdwin Philip

born March 21, 1950
 at Beaver Lodge, Alberta

Margaret Erin

born April 3, 1953
 at Dawson Creek, Alberta
 died Feb. 10, 1956
 at Beaver Lodge, Alberta

5th GenerationRuby Fast Reimer

born June 14, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Debolt, Alberta

Church affil.: None before marriage; now, United Church of Canada

Married to Donald MorrisMatlock on Nov. 7, 1947

at Grande Prairie, Alberta

born Feb. 8, 1922

at Razalis, Washington

Occupation:

Church affiliation: United Church of Canada

6th Generation - ChildrenRandall Morris

born Oct. 13, 1951

at Edmonton, Alberta

Terry Lynne

born June 23, 1953

at Grande Prairie, Alberta

5th GenerationAlfred Fast Reimer

born Jan. 16, 1930

at Swalwell, Alberta

Address: Crooked Creek, Alta.

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Ruth Toews Isaac

on Oct. 16, 1955

at Rosenort, Manitoba

born Sept. 2, 1935

at Morris, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenJoan Marie

born August 16, 1958

at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Irene Mae

born May 5, 1960

at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Marvin Glen

born Nov. 7, 1962

at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Nancy Ruth

born Nov. 29, 1964

at Grande Prairie, Alberta

4th GenerationHeinrich Toews Reimer

born May 17, 1892

at Blumenhoff, Manitoba

died Feb. 6, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of cancer

Age: 71 years, 8 months,

20 days

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Johanna Sobering

on Aug. 15, 1915

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Mar. 12, 1893

in Hungary, Europe

died Sept. 27, 1941

at Giroux, Manitoba

of "sleeping sickness" (?)

Age: 48 years, 6 months,

9 days

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Minnie Toews

on July 1, 1945

at Greenland, Manitoba

born Oct. 29, 1912

at Greenland, Manitoba

Address: Giroux, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenSimon Sobering

born July 6, 1916

at Giroux, Manitoba

John Sobering

born Oct. 18, 1917

at Giroux, Manitoba

Albert Sobering

born Sept. 11, 1919

at Giroux, Manitoba

Harvey Sobering

born Aug. 6, 1921

at Giroux, Manitoba

Ernest Sobering

born Nov. 25, 1922

at Giroux, Manitoba

Rose Sobering

born Jan. 1924

at Giroux, Manitoba

Betty Sobering

born Mar. 9, 1928

at Giroux, Manitoba

Ida Sobering

born Nov. 24, 1931

at Giroux, Manitoba

Margaret Sobering

born Mar. 22, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Juliana Toews

born Feb. 7, 1946

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Feb. 7, 1946

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dorothy Toews

born Feb. 20, 1947

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Hospital work

Church affiliation: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Audrey Jeannette Toews

born Nov. 4, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Emily Joan Toews

born Sept. 9, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Note of appreciation: Henry took a very active part in making the Toewsfest in Steinbach, Man. in 1961 a success. He was also one of the main promoters of this Toewsbook. He is on the Toewsfest pictures, looking with others, at the charts displayed in the E.M.C. church basement.

A.P.T.

5th Generation

Simon Sobering Reimer
 born July 16, 1916
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Mount Lehman, B.C.
 Occupation: Constructing Roads
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Helen Toews
 on Mar. 5, 1944
 at Greenland, Manitoba
 born Jan. 6, 1920
 at Greenland, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Allen Brian
 born Jan. 14, 1945
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: None

Carol
 born Nov. 30, 1946
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Church of
 God in Christ, Mennonite

David Wain
 born Aug. 7, 1949
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Robert Simon
 born Dec. 15, 1958
 at Mount Lehman, British
 Columbia

5th Generation

John Sobering Reimer
 born Oct. 18, 1917
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Trucking
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Gertie Toews
 on Oct. 21, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 25, 1919
 at Niverville, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Lorne Henry Reimer
 born Aug. 20, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Johanna
 born July 11, 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Mavis Cathleen
 born Oct. 28, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Church of
 God in Christ, Mennonite

Orlan John
 born April 30, 1956
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Angella
 born April 3, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

Lorne Henry Reimer
 born Aug. 20, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Halstead, Kansas
 Occupation:
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Helen Buller
 on Oct. 7, 1962
 at Halstead, Kansas
 born Dec. 23, 1941
 at Halstead, Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

7th Generation - Children

Kevin
 born Oct. 31, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation
Johanna Reimer
 born July 11, 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Gladwin Reimer
 on Sept. 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 13, 1942
 at
 Occupation: Manufacturing
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Lowell Lee
 born May 18, 1965
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Albert Sobering Reimer
 born Sept. 11, 1919
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Inman, Kansas
 Occupation: Carpenter and Farmer
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Margaret Ens
 on Jan. 19, 1947
 at Inman, Kansas
 born Jan. 6, 1920
 at Inman, Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Coreen Rose
 born June 16, 1948
 at Winton, California
 Church affil.: Church of God in
 Christ, Mennonite

Michael David
 born Nov. 13, 1952
 at Huron, South Dakota

Sidney Kent
 born June 3, 1957
 at Huron, South Dakota

5th Generation

Harvey Sobering Reimer
 born Aug. 6, 1921
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Giroux, Manitoba
 Occupation: Construction and Farmer
 Church affil.: Formerly none;
 now, Church of God in Chr. Menn.
 Married to Violet Plett
 on Oct. 6, 1943
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born June 19, 1926
 at Blumenhoff, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Formerly none;
 now, Church of God in Chr. Menn.

6th Generation - Children

<u>Jake Alfred</u> born May 31, 1944 at Steinbach, Man.	<u>Gail</u> born Oct. 21, 1953 at Stein- bach, Man., died Oct. 21, 1953 at Steinbach
<u>John Andrew</u> born June 11, 1945 at Steinbach, Man.	<u>Darlene Phyllis</u> born Feb. 21, 1955 at Stein- bach, Manitoba
<u>Lillian Helen</u> born Jan. 2, 1947 at Steinbach, Man. Prof.: Sewing	<u>Johanna Madaline</u> born May 30, 1956 at Stein- bach, Manitoba
<u>Richard Arthur</u> born Nov. 24, 1948 at Steinbach, Man. Ch. affil.: Church of God in Christ, Mennonite	<u>Elaine Matilda</u> born May 26, 1961 at Stein- bach, Manitoba
<u>Julianna Rose</u> born Feb. 2, 1953 at Steinbach, Man.	

6th Generation

Jake Alfred Reimer
 born May 31, 1944
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affil.: Always, Evan-
 gelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Darlene Goertzen
 on July 22, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 10, 1943
 in Saskatchewan
 Church affil.: Always, Evan-
 gelical Mennonite Church

7th Generation - Children

Frank
 born May 20, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

John Andrew Reimer
 born June 11, 1945
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Irene Kornelson
 on Oct. 11, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born April 6, 1946
 at Kleefeld, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: None

7th Generation - Children

Stanley Keith
 born May 6, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
Rodney Kenneth
 born May 14, 1965
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Ernest Sobering Reimer
 born Nov. 25, 1922
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Moundridge, Kansas
 Occupation: Manufacturing
 Machinery
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Viola Ens
 on April 15, 1951
 at Inman, Kansas
 born April 19, 1930
 at Inman, Kansas
 Profession: Practical Nurse
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Jo Anne Elizabeth
 born Feb. 20, 1956
 at Huron, South Dakota

5th Generation

Rose Sobering Reimer
 born Jan. 6, 1924
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Ch. affil.: Church of God
 in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Vernie Penner
 on Oct. 19, 1952
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born July 30, 1927
 at Greenland, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Nancy Grace
 born Nov. 25, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Joyce Ann
 born Dec. 20, 1954
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Robert Bruce
 born May 18, 1956
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

James Murray
 born Oct. 18, 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Mary Rose
 born May 4, 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Floyd Gilbert
 born July 21, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Vernie Henry
 born May 11, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Frieda Joan
 born July 31, 1965
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationBetty Sobering Reimer

born March 9, 1928

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Giroux, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Ervey Bartel

on Oct. 1, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born April 24, 1927

at Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Dairy Farmer

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenLe Roy Chester

born Feb. 4, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Vivian Dawn

born Jan. 4, 1956

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Gordon Ray

born Aug. 20, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationIda Sobering Reimer

born Nov. 24, 1931

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Iroquois, South Dak.

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Floyd Nikkle

on Sept. 21, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Nov. 26, 1931

at Inman, Kansas

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenHarlan Ray

born Oct. 20, 1954

at Huron, South Dakota

Jenny Lou

born May 22, 1956

at Huron, South Dakota

Doris Eileen

born Mar. 13, 1957

at Huron, South Dakota

Charlene Mae

born Mar. 28, 1960

at Huron, South Dakota

Beverly Ann

born Mar. 31, 1962

at Huron, South Dakota

Lewellyn Roy

born Oct. 18, 1963

at Huron, South Dakota

Karen Kay

born July 20, 1965

at Huron, South Dakota

5th GenerationMargaret Sobering Reimer

born March 22, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Donald Bartel

on Nov. 12, 1957

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 20, 1935

at Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Mixer at Feed

Mill

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenGerald Ross

born April 26, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Kenneth Patrick

born Feb. 11, 1961

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bryan Dale

born Aug. 28, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationMargaretha Toews Reimer

born April 14, 1894

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Ste. Mary. Ontario

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, MennoniteMarried to Cornelius E. Gies-
brecht on April , 1916

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born April 14, 1894

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Farming (now re-
tired)Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenJohn

born April 1, 1917

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Nettie

born July 13, 1918

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Erwin

born Feb. 4, 1920

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Stanley

born Aug. 31, 1921

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Harold

born July 9, 1923

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Alvina

born March 31, 1925

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Wilbert

born Jan. 23, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Danny

born Aug. 11, 1928

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Violet

born April 7, 1930

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

died May 12, 1965

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Leonna

born Aug. 10, 1933

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Firmin

born Nov. 28, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationJohn Reimer Giesbrecht

born April 1, 1917

at Littlefield, Texas

Address: Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, MennoniteMarried to Esther Wohlgemuth
Penner

on Oct. 6, 1940

at Greenland, Manitoba

born Dec. 1, 1915

at Greenland, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenWeston John (Barkman)

born July 30, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wilma May

born March 28, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Allen and Elvera (twins)

born Aug. 8, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Aug. 8, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ronald Winston

born Nov. 9, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lewis Gilbert

born Nov. 6, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Loretta Jane

born Dec. 26, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Glenna Marcella

born Sept. 25, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margret Lucille

born Jan. 10, 1955

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Waneta Fay

born Dec. 12, 1956

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

6th GenerationWilma May Giesbrecht

born March 28, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address:

Profession:

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, Mennonite
Married to

on

at

born

at

Occupation:

Church affiliation:

7th Generation - ChildrenWynette Joan

born July 7, 1965

at

5th GenerationNettie Reimer Giesbrecht

born July 13, 1918

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Address: Thompson, Manitoba

Church affil.: Mennonite

Married to Nick Toews

on July 23, 1941

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Aug. 14, 1913

in Russia

Occupation: School Inspector

Church affil.: Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenJames

born Oct. 22, 1944

at Steinbach, Man.

Lorna

born Mar. 2, 1949

at Winnipeg, Man.

Bob

born March , 1955

at

well as in a one-room high school at Niverville and at Steinbach Collegiate. He was appointed inspector of schools in 1963.

Mr. Toews was president of the Steinbach Local Association of the Society for about four years and served on the Society's provincial executive for 14 years. He is a member of the Canadian College of Teachers, the Rotary International, the Manitoba Inspectors' Association and the Canadian Association of School Superintendents and Inspectors.

Mr. Toews will be one of the head table guests at the banquet of the Society on Monday evening, March 27, one of the highlights of the annual general meeting.

5th GenerationErwin Reimer Giesbrecht

born Feb. 4, 1920

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Address: Janow, Manitoba

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, MennoniteMarried to Elda Penner

on Sept. 10, 1944

at Greenland, Manitoba

born Sept. 29, 1923

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, Mennonite6th Generation - ChildrenKenneth

born July 21, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Norma

born Jan. 12, 1948

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Frances

born Oct. 27, 1949

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Clinton

born Jan. 7, 1955

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Lesley Lloyd

born Mar. 21, 1957

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Ronald Wayne

born Feb. 2, 1959

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Marilyn Loreen

born Feb. 15, 1963

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

5th GenerationStanley Reimer Giesbrecht

born Aug. 31, 1921

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Address: Mount Lehman, B. C.

Occupation:

Church affiliation:

Married to Mary Barkman

on Oct. 28, 1945

at

born Dec. 10, 1923

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenElaine

born Oct. 26, 1946

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Alfred

born Feb. 26, 1949

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Wesley

born Oct. 16, 1955

at Mt. Lehman, B. C.

Anna Ruth

born May 10, 1957

at Mt. Lehman, B. C.

Margaret Rose

born Nov. 30, 1964

at Mt. Lehman, B. C.

Nicholas Toews of Thompson, Inspector of schools in Manitoba's remote areas and former teacher at Steinbach Collegiate, has been nominated for a life membership in the Manitoba Teachers' Society. The resolution calling for the awarding of a life membership to Mr. Toews will be presented to the delegates at the Society's 48th annual general meeting at the Marlborough Hotel in Winnipeg, March 27, 28 and 29. If the resolution is approved, Mr. Toews will receive the membership at a ceremony on Monday morning, March 27, in the Skyview Room of the Marlborough Hotel.

Life memberships in the Society are awarded for "long and outstanding service to the Society and to education generally." Mr. Toews has been nominated for such a membership this year particularly for his service as president of the Society in 1961-62.

Mr. Toews holds B.A. and B. Ed. degrees from the University of Manitoba. Prior to starting

**Nick Toews**

his 26-year teaching career in 1937, he attended the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Steinbach and the Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg. He taught in several one-room rural schools as

5th Generation

Harold Reimer Giesbrecht
 born July 9, 1923
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Whitemouth, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always, Ch.
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Bertha Goossen
 on Jan. 2, 1946
 at Rosenort, Manitoba
 born May 17, 1926
 at Morris, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Phyllis
 born Aug. 26, 1947
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Judith
 born Dec. 18, 1948
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Valerie
 born Sept. 1, 1954
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Merlin
 born Sept. 29, 1959
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Don Jeffry
 born June 11, 1962
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Darryl Wayne
 born March 12, 1965
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

5th Generation

Alvina Reimer Giesbrecht
 born March 31, 1925
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Hillsboro, Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Lloyd Hiebert
 on Oct. 2, 1949
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba
 born July 15, 1924
 at Hillsboro, Kansas
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Joanne
 born June 21, 1952
 at Hillsboro, Kansas

Bonnita Grace
 born Jan. 3, 1955
 at Hillsboro, Kansas

Ranall
 born Oct. 4, 1956
 at Hillsboro, Kansas

Linda
 born Aug. 29, 1960
 at Hillsboro, Kansas

Ruby Joy
 born Dec. 12, 1962
 at Hillsboro, Kansas

5th Generation

Danny Reimer Giesbrecht
 born Aug. 11, 1928
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Address: Whitemouth, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Occupation: Farming
 Married to Rose Goossen
 on July 3, 1953
 at Rosenort Church, Manitoba
 born Nov. 24, 1929
 in Morris, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Earl George
 born Nov. 15, 1955
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Mark
 born June 16, 1960
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Carla
 born Oct. 3, 1963
 at Whitemouth, Manitoba

5th Generation

Wilbert Reimer Giesbrecht
 born Jan. 23, 1927
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Clearbrook, B.C.
 Occupation: Medical Doctor
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Arlene Wiebe
 on March 27, 1955
 at Inman, Kansas
 born June 22, 1930
 at Inman, Kansas
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Carol
 born Feb. 24, 1956
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Russel
 born April 24, 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lois Fern
 born June 18, 1959
 at Clearbrook, B.C.

Joyce Annette
 born April 11, 1961
 at Clearbrook, B.C.

Donna Ruth
 born Feb. 24, 1964
 at Clearbrook, B.C.

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Dr. Wilbert Giesbrecht of Clearbrook, B.C. gave a well-attended and interesting lecture in the Dr. Elliott school the evening of May 2. The subject was "Mental Hygiene and the Family." Mrs. Giesbrecht accompanied him to Alberta.

5th GenerationViolet Reimer Giesbrecht

born April 7, 1930

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

died May 12, 1965

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

of

Age: 35 years, 1 month, 5 days

Church affil.: Church of God

in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Vern Bartel

on

at

born April 25, 1929

Occupation:

Church affil.: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenRoy

born Oct. 16, 1953

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dianne

born Oct. 8, 1955

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationLeona Reimer Giesbrecht

born Aug. 10, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Fullerton, Ontario

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Church of God

in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Robert Wiebe

on July 26, 1957

at Whitemouth, Manitoba

born April 16, 1930

at

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Church of God

in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenThomas

born Aug. 16, 1960

at

Beverley

born June 30, 1963

at

5th GenerationFirmin Reimer Giesbrecht

born Nov. 28, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Ste. Marys, Ontario

Occupation: Farming

Church affiliation:

Married to Lily Wiebe

on Oct. 30, 1960

at Durham, Kansas

born Nov. 29, 1938

at

Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenLouce

born Nov. 20, 1962

at Ste. Mary, Ontario

Ronda

born July 10, 1964

at Ste. Mary, Ontario

4th Generation

Anna Toews Reimer
 born Jan. 3, 1896
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Inman, Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Henry A. Ensz
 on April 7, 1918
 at Inman, Kansas
 born April 26, 1893
 at Inman, Kansas
 Occupation: Retired Farmer
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

John
 born Nov. 26, 1919
 at Inman, Kansas

Margaret
 born Mar. 6, 1921
 at Inman, Kansas

Ruben
 born Oct. 17, 1922
 at Inman, Kansas

Betty
 born Sept. 23, 1924
 at Inman, Kansas

Menno
 born July 17, 1926
 at Inman, Kansas

Aavid
 born June 14, 1928
 at Inman, Kansas

Harvey
 born Dec. 27, 1929
 at Inman, Kansas

Justine
 born April 20, 1931
 at Inman, Kansas

Wilma
 born Feb. 8, 1933
 at Inman, Kansas

5th Generation

John Reimer Ensz
 born Nov. 26, 1919
 at Inman, Kansas
 Address: Conway, Kansas
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Zion
 Mennonite Church
 Married to Eva Loewen Nikkel
 on June 12, 1946
 at Zion Church, Inman, Kansas
 born Sept. 8, 1915
 at Hillsboro, Kansas
 Church affil.: Formerly.
 Alexanderfeld Mennonite Church;
 now, Zion Mennonite Church

Ronald Gene
 born Aug. 12, 1951
 at Goessel, Kansas
 Church affil.: Zion Menn. Ch.

Gloria Ann
 born Feb. 17, 1953
 at Goessel, Kansas
 Church affil.: Zion Menn. Ch.

Karl Wayne
 born Oct. 22, 1955
 at Goessel, Kansas

Florene Jane
 born April 19, 1957
 at Goessel, Kansas

5th Generation

Margaret Reimer Ensz
 born March 6, 1921
 at Inman, Kansas
 Address: Conway, Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Ben N. Penner
 on April 2, 1944
 at Zion Church, Inman, Kansas
 born March 9, 1920
 at Lubbock, Texas
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Arden Lee
 born Nov. 30, 1951
 in McPherson County, Kansas

Jolene Kay
 born Jan. 1, 1955
 in McPherson County, Kansas

Donald Eugene
 born Nov. 17, 1956
 in McPherson County, Kansas

5th Generation

Rueben Reimer Ensz
 born Oct. 17, 1922
 at Inman, Kansas
 Address: Windom, Kansas
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Margaret Susana
Dyck on Oct. 12, 1947
 at Hesston, Kansas
 born Feb. 16, 1928
 in the United States, Hesston,
 Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Galen
 born March 10, 1949
 in McPherson, Kansas

Karen
 born Aug. 13, 1950
 in McPherson, Kansas

Richard
 born Aug. 4, 1953
 at McPherson, Kansas

Keith
 born Sept. 4, 1958
 at McPherson, Kansas

Harlen
 born Oct. 15, 1961
 at McPherson, Kansas

5th GenerationBetty Reimer Ens

born Sept. 23, 1924

at Inman, Kansas

Address: Davisboro, Georgia

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Alvin GerhardGiesbrecht on Sept. 15, 1946

at Inman, Kansas

born July 13, 1922

at Montezuma, Kansas

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenGerald Duane

born Feb. 9, 1948

at Dodge City, Kansas

Church affil.: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Marilyn Jane

born March 30, 1950

at Dodge City, Kansas

Church affil.: Church of

God in Christ, Mennonite

Luanne Kay

born June 5, 1951

at Dodge City, Kansas

Charles Jay

born June 6, 1953

at Dodge City, Kansas

Rodney Dee

born July 19, 1954

at Dodge City, Kansas

5th GenerationMenno Reimer Ens

born July 17, 1926

at McPherson County, Kansas

Address:

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Vada Smith

on June 12, 1960

at Fairview, Oklahoma

born Dec. 12, 1926

at Fairview, Oklahoma

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenBonnie Joy

born

at McPherson County, Kansas

Janalea Gage

born

at McPherson County, Kansas

Michael James

born

at McPherson County, Kansas

5th GenerationAavid Reimer Ens

born June 14, 1928

at Inman, Kansas

Address: Inman, Kansas

Occupation: Farming and Minis-

ter of the Gospel in Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Florence PennerPenner on Oct. 27, 1951

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

born on Jan. 11, 1929

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenGordon Lee

born Jan. 20, 1953

at Roseburg, Oregon

5th GenerationHarvey Reimer Ens

born Dec. 27, 1929

at Inman, Kansas

Address: Almena, Wisconsin

Occupation: Farming and

Minister of the Gospel

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Edna Friesen

on

at

born Sept. 15, 1928

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenArllyn Sue

born May 11, 1958

at Roseburg, Oregon

Beverly Anne

on July 17, 1959

at Roseburg, Oregon

Neti Josephine

on March 31, 1963

at Cumberland, Wisconsin

5th GenerationJustina Reimer Ens

born April 20, 1931

at Inman, Kansas

Address: Alma, Wisconsin

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Edward Friesen

on Oct. 19, 1952

at Inman, Kansas

born at Wauseon, Ohio

on Sept. 28, 1928

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenCristie Warren

born June 8, 1953

at Roseburg, Oregon

Lorie Anna

born Nov. 23, 1957

at Alma, Wisconsin

Arvin Jon

born Sept. 22, 1961

at Alma, Wisconsin

5th GenerationWilma Reimer Ens

born Feb. 8, 1933

at Inman, Kansas

Address: Hesston, Kansas

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Willard James Giesel

on March 6, 1955

at Inman, Kansas

born May 5, 1932

at Goessel, Kansas

Occupation: Factory Worker

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenShawn Lynn

born June 20, 1957

at Goessel, Kansas

Dawn Renee

born June 19, 1961

at Newton, Kansas

Anthony Jay

born Feb. 11, 1964

at Newton, Kansas

4th GenerationJacob Toews Reimer

born April 10, 1900

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Chicken Farmer

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

Married to Aganetha GiesbrechtToews on Jan. 17, 1926

at Greenland, Manitoba

born

at Steinbach (Rosengard), Man.

Church affil.: Always, Church

of God in Christ, Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenAnna

born March 20, 1926

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Elma

born Oct. 2, 1928

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Lawrence

born Feb. 17, 1930

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Janett

born April 12, 1932

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Susan

born Dec. 5, 1933

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

**Jack and James Victor (twins)

born Sept. 7, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

(Jack is married but James
is not)Ruth and Donald (twins)

born Dec. 23, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ruth is married but not

Donald, who is a dairy far-

mer and affiliated with the

Church of God in Christ, Men-
nonite.Gary

born March 8, 1949

at Steinbach, Manitoba

**James works for Inman Motors
in their garage in Winnipeg.
In an accident on the job, he
got burned on 20 percent of
his body. He himself gave
the other men the number to
call the police to come and
get him. He works there again
but for quite a while he was
critical.

5th Generation

Anna Toews Reimer
 born March 20, 1927
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Address: Grandview, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Harvey Barkman
Bartel on July 25, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Oct. 5, 1922
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Timothy John Douglas
 born May 13, 1949
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Norman James
 born Nov. 20, 1951
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Edith Anne
 born Jan. 12, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ruth Marjorie
 born Dec. 27, 1955
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

David Allen
 born April 16, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Carolyn Elizabeth
 born Aug. 21, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Elma Toews Reimer
 born Oct. 2, 1928
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Address: Langley, B. C.
 Church affil.: Always,
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.
 Married to Vincent Toews Barkman
 on June 11, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Sept. 14, 1955
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Occupation: School Teacher
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Karen Agnes
 born Sept. 19, 1952
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sylvia Janet
 born March 16, 1955
 at Reston, Manitoba

Ronald Vincent
 born June 26, 1957
 at Reston, Manitoba

Barbra Lynn
 born Aug. 29, 1959
 at Langley, B. C.

5th Generation

Laurence Toews Reimer
 born Feb. 17, 1930
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Address: Calgary, Alberta
 Occupation: Alberta, Govern-
 ment Telephone System
 Married to Norman Joy Wiebe
Toews on Oct. 6, 1957
 at Langdon, North Dakota
 born Sept. 22, 1933
 at Langdon, North Dakota
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Katherine Joyce
 born June 23, 1964
 at Calgary, Alberta

5th Generation

Janet Toews Reimer
 born April 12, 1932
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Address: Morris, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Bill Loewen Rempel
 on March 29, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born August 24, 1929
 at Morris, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Murray James
 born May 26, 1954
 at Morris, Manitoba

Bruce Ranall
 born June 7, 1955
 at Morris, Manitoba

Donna JoAnne
 born Oct. 1, 1956
 at Morris, Manitoba

Marilyn
 born Aug. 6, 1958
 at Morris, Manitoba
 died Jan. 4, 1959
 at Morris Hospital, Manitoba

Reginald
 born Nov. 21, 1959
 at Morris, Manitoba

Wanda Collin
 born Jan. 28, 1962
 at Morris, Manitoba

Robert William
 born Jan. 31, 1963
 at Morris, Manitoba

5th Generation

Susie Toews Reimer
 born Dec. 5, 1933
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Donald Toews Barkman
 on June 24, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Sept. 22, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Laborer
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Melvin Keith
 born April 4, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cynthia Ann
 born Feb. 6, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

John Frank Toews Reimer
 born Sept. 7, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Truck Driver in
 Construction
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Irene Frobisher
 on April 24, 1964
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born March 8, 1943
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Peter
 born November 6, 1964
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Doris Ruth Toews Reimer
 born Dec. 23, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Allan Wiebe Toews
 on Sept. 23, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 9, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Daryl Allen
 born Sept. 13, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Christine Joyce
 born Oct. 3, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th Generation

Tina Toews Reimer
 born July 13, 1904
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Hillsboro, Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to David P. Toews
 on February 27, 1927
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born August 15, 1904
 at Hillsboro, Kansas
 Occupation: Laborer
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

John Gordon
 born Dec. 13, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Pearl Joan
 born March 31, 1931
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

James Wallace
 born Nov. 4, 1932
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Betty
 born August 26, 1936
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Alma Myrtle
 born March 27, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Profession: Missionary
 Church affil.: Church of God
 in Christ, Mennonite

Clara Ann
 born August 18, 1945
 at Goessel, Kansas
 Profession: Hospital Nurse
 Church affil.: Church of God
 in Christ, Mennonite

5th GenerationJohn Reimer Toews

born Dec. 13, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Inman, Kansas
 Occupation: Laborer
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Velda Friesen
 on
 at Hutchinson, Kansas
 born Sept. 16
 at Inman, Kansas
 Church affil.: Church of
 God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenVerlin John

born June 21, 1956
 at Goessel, Kansas

Arlin Dean

born August 1, 1959
 at Goessel, Kansas

5th GenerationPearl Reimer Toews

born March 21, 1931
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba, Canada
 Address: Hillsboro, Kansas
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Marvin D. Ens
 on Nov. 2, 1958
 at Inman, Kansas
 born August 20
 at Hillsboro, Kansas
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenCarol Ann

born Dec. 26, 1959
 at Goessel, Kansas

Galen Lee

born April 16, 1961
 at Hillsboro, Kansas

Verna June

born March 28, 1962
 Hillsboro, Kansas

Larry Wayne

born Dec. 27, 1963
 at Hillsboro, Kansas

5th GenerationJames Reimer Toews

born Nov. 4, 1932
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Yale, South Dakota
 Occupation, Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Olive Anna Wohlge-
muth on June 11, 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born March 5
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Church of God
 in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenWesley Allen

born March 17, 1959
 at Huron, South Dakota

Valerie Fern

born June 1, 1960
 at Huron, South Dakota

Edith Karen

born Oct. 22, 1962
 at Huron, South Dakota

5th GenerationBetty Reimer Toews

born August 26, 1936
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Iroquois, South Dak.
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Clarence Penner
 on May 26, 1957
 at Inman, Kansas
 born May 29,
 at Inman, Kansas
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenLonnie Dean

born July 9, 1958
 at Huron, South Dakota

Bruce Lynn

born January 31, 1960
 at Huron, South Dakota

Roger Clarence

born Sept. 6, 1962
 at Huron, South Dakota

3rd GenerationAnna Reimer Toews

born Oct. 22, 1863 (according to the record of Peter R. Toews, her brother, other records have it Nov. 3, 1863, American date)
 at Kleefeld, Russia
 died Nov. 11, 1902
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Cause of death:
 Age: 39 years, 7 days
 Church affil.: Always, Klein-gemeinde (Evangelical Mennonite Church)
 Married to Cornelius Bartel Loewen
 born Oct. 22, 1863
 at Kleefeld, Russia
 died July 26, 1928
 at Meade, Kansas
 cause of death: Stroke
 Age: 64 years, 9 months, 4 days
 Church affil.: Formerly, Klein-gemeinde (Evangelical Mennonite Church) later, Church of God
 Occupation: Farmer and thresher

4th Generation - ChildrenCornelius

born April 5, 1883
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 26, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
Elizabeth (Giesbrecht)
 born Oct. 4, 1884
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 22, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
Anna (Giesbrecht)
 born March 15, 1886
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 21, 1934
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Isaak

born Feb. 25, 1888
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Nov. 27, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Peter

born April 4, 1890
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 4, 1890
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Peter

born June 2, 1891
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 8, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Abraham

born Sept. 2, 1893
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Jacob

born Sept. 14, 1895
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Sept. 3, 1961
 at Sioux Center, Minnesota

Johan

born March 18, 1898
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Died Aug. 18, 1898
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Katharina (Reimer)

born Sept. 5, 1899
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationCornelius Toews Loewen

born April 5, 1883
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 26, 1960
 in St. Boniface Hospital,
 St. Boniface, Manitoba
 of post-operative pneumonia
 Age: 77 years, 6 months, 21 days
 Occupation: Lumber merchant
 Church affil.: Before marriage,
 none; later, Kleingemeinde
 (Evangelical Menn. Church)
 Married to Helena Penner Friesen
 on May 31, 1914
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 12, 1892
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Sept. 23, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of heart trouble
 Age: 58 years, 7 months, 11 days
 Church affil.: After marriage,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Mennonite Church)

5th Generation - ChildrenWalter

born July 6, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died June 10, 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Age: 11 months, 4 days
Tina
 born Nov. 3, 1917
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Dec. 16, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Age: 2 years, 1 month, 13 days
Edward John
 born June 12, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

George

born Sept. 27, 1921
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Mary

born Aug. 26, 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anna

born Sept. 9, 1924
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cornelius Paul

born Oct. 9, 1926
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Peter

born Sept. 22, 1928
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Jan. 3, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Age: 3 months, 12 days

Minty

born Dec. 19, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Dec. 19, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wilma

born March 16, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ernest

born Sept. 5, 1932
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died June 10, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Age: 9 months, 5 days

Helen

born Dec. 24, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 26, 1936 of pneumonia at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elvira Velela

born July 11, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba



On the left - C. T. Loewen and his family. The parents are gone but the children are all living. The three boys now carry on the business.

Below - we have their individual pictures and the position they have in the company.

The sign - you see is on the Steinbach Main Street, in front of their store, yard and office building.

In the lower left-hand corner is part of the floor of the factory building, the greatest of its kind in western Canada.



MR. C. T. LOEWEN

The Founder

To Mr. C. T. Loewen, who founded our firm six decades ago and whose principles still guide the company's activities, this Brochure is respectfully dedicated.



ED. LOEWEN
President



GEORGE LOEWEN
Vice-President



C. P. LOEWEN



- ★ Rex Grose, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce will be present
- ★ Ribbon cutting ceremonies at 2 p.m.
- ★ Coffee and sweets for all visitors in the afternoon
- ★ Our staff will show you how "Loewen-Bilt" window units are manufactured in our factory.
- ★ Factory tours in the evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- ★ Children are welcome to come with their parents - for the sake of safety we cannot let unaccompanied children through the factory.

In extending this invitation to you we are not unmindful of the fact that over fifty years of community and district support have been instrumental in making our growth possible. This "Open House" is a small token of appreciation for the loyalty shown us through the past years. Come and be our guests.

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STEINBACH, MAN.



Cornelius T. Loewen and Helena P. Friesen

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Loewen were born in the Steinbach, Manitoba area and lived on Main Street of that town. In 1905 Mr. C. T. Loewen started a lumber yard which under the Providence of God prospered so that it has become one of the outstanding businesses in the community.

Mr. C. T. Loewen helped found the Red Rock Bible Camp east of Rennie, Manitoba. In addition he was an ardent supporter of the Steinbach Bible Institute. Both took active part in the local Evangelical Mennonite Church (Kleine Gemeinde) and in the proclamation of the Gospel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loewen are now with the Lord, who was their Saviour and Lord through faith in Jesus Christ.

The boys - Edward, George, and Corny - successfully carry on the business started by their father. All three are married and have established Christian homes who are promoting the work of the Lord. The girls - Mary, Anna, Wilma, and Elvira - all are married to Christian husbands who also are engaged in Christian work. Two of them are ministers and teachers, one is a Christian lay worker, and one is a teacher.

The family is a demonstration of the grace of God. All what they are and have has been given by the One Who loved them and died to set them free from the guilt of sin.

(Written by the sons of Cornelius Toews Loewen, who own and operate the business.)

5th Generation

Eward John Loewen
born June 12, 1919
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Lumber merchant
Church affil.: Always, Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Mennonite Church)
Married to Anna Giesbrecht
on Feb. 22, 1942
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born March 12, 1920
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Always, Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Mennonite Church)

6th Generation - Children

Ronald Edward
born May 2, 1944
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Student at present
Church affil.: Kleingemeinde (E.M.C.)

Kenneth John
born Sept. 28, 1945
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Student at present
Church affil.: Kleingemeinde (E.M.C.)

Douglas Grant
born Dec. 14, 1950
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bradley Neal
born Dec. 30, 1956
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

George F. Loewen
born Sept. 27, 1921
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Lumber Merchant
Church affil.: Always, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
Married to Helen Barkman
on Oct. 23, 1942
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Oct. 28, 1922
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Always, Evangelical Menn. Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Gary George
born April 20, 1946
at Foam Lake, Saskatchewan
Occupation: Student at present
Church affil.: Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Roger Allan
born April 5, 1949
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Curt Davis
born March 26, 1953
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Gordon
born Feb. 14, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died Feb. 14, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Mary Loewen
born August 26, 1922
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Prof.: Bible School Teacher
Church affil.: Kleingemeinde
(Evang. Menn. Church)
Married to Ben Hoeppner
on June 20, 1955
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Nov. 10, 1921
at Altona, Manitoba
Church affil.: Kleinge=
meinde (Evang. Menn. Ch.)

5th Generation

Anna Loewen
born Sept. 9, 1924
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: 4852 E. Town=
send, Fresno, Calif.
Profession: Nurse
Ch. affil.: Evangelical
Mennonite Brethren be=
fore marriage; after
marriage, Menn. Brethren
Married to Aaron Warken=
tin on July 15, 1944
in Steinbach, Manitoba
born Sept. 15, 1917
in Russia
Occupation: Assistant
Pastor and Teacher
Church affil.: Always
Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Child=
ren

Donald Paul
born March 27, 1948
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
Occupation: Student at
present
Church affil.: Butler
Menn. Brethren Church

Robert Aaron
born June 30, 1950
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Student at
present
Church affil.: Butler
Menn. Brethren Church

5th Generation

Cornelius Paul Loewen
born Oct. 9, 1926
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Occupation: Lumber Merch.
Ch. affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evang.
Mennonite Church)
Married to Annie Hilde=
brand on Aug. 24, 1947
at Niverville, Man.
born Oct. 3, 1926
at Romanovka, Ekaterin=
oslav, Russia
Profession: Nurse
Ch. affil.: Before mar=
riage, Menn. Brethren;
after marriage, Klein=
gemeinde (E.M.C.)

6th Generation - Children

Cornelius Paul
born Dec. 22, 1948
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Student at
present
Che Anne
born June 20, 1952
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Charles Nelson
born Jan. 19, 1954
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Stuart Reid
born Nov. 4, 1958
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Robert Clyde
born Nov. 21, 1960
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Wilma Loewen
born March 16, 1931
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Church affil.: Before
marriage, Kleingemeinde
(Evang. Menn. Church)
Married to Lorne Rempel
on June 3, 1955
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born April 10, 1932
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Parts man=
ager
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Menn. Brethren

6th Generation - Child=
ren

Karen Joan
born Aug. 30, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Shirley Anne
born Feb. 12, 1959
at Moose Jaw, Sask.

David Lorne
born June 27, 1961
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Marcia Elizabeth
born Dec. 12, 1963
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Elvira Loewen
born July 11, 1935
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Profession: Nurse
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evang.
Mennonite Church)
Married to Melvin Toews
on Dec. 28, 1956
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born May 31, 1935
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Teacher
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evang.
Mennonite Church)

6th Generation - Child=
ren

Marjorie Anne
born June 6, 1958
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Miriam Helen
born May 21, 1964
at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationElizabeth Loewen

born Oct. 14, 1884
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 22, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of heart attack.
 Age: 64 years, 18 days.
 Belonged to the Kleingemeinde
 before marriage and later to
 the Church of God in Christ,
 Mennonite.
 Married to Gerhard F. Gies-
brecht on Feb. 11, 1903
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 13, 1878
 at Kleefeld, Manitoba, Can.
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Occupation: Farmer and
 minister. Belonged to the
 Kleingemeinde before mar-
 riage and later to the Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite.

5th Generation - ChildrenGeorge

born Dec. 12, 1903
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anna

born Sept. 10, 1905
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Katherine

born Feb. 24, 1907
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Jacob

born May 26, 1908
 at Lanigan, Saskatchewan

Albert

born July 21, 1910
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Elizabeth

born Feb. 1, 1912
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Mary

born July 6, 1914
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Edwin

born Dec. 19, 1915
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Adina

born Dec. 14, 1917
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 died Dec. 15, 1917
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Minna

born Dec. 25, 1918
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Lottie

born Dec. 19, 1920
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Waldon

born March 25, 1923
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 died March 29, 1923
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Josephine

born Sept. 26, 1925
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Church member: Church of God
 in Christ, Mennonite

Ernest

born May 16, 1927
 at Giroux, Manitoba

5th GenerationGeorge Giesbrecht

born Dec. 12, 1903
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Mount Lehman, British
 Columbia, Canada
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: None before mar-
 riage; after marriage, The
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.
 Married to Minnie Toews
 on Dec. 17, 1930
 at Calgary, Alberta
 born August 23, 1909
 at Linden, Alberta
 died Nov. 4, 1958
 at Mount Lehman, B. C.
 of Parkinson's Disease
 Age: 49 years, 1 month, 12 days
 Church affil.: None before
 marriage; after marriage, Ch.
 of God in Christ, Mennonite
 Married to Sarah Reimer
 on May 21, 1961
 at Mount Lehman, B. C.
 born Oct. 5, 1912
 at Linden, Alberta
 Profession: Licensed Practical
 Nurse
 Church affil.: Always, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenLaura

born Dec. 18, 1931
 at Linden, Alberta

Alfred

born Aug. 7, 1933
 at Crooked Creek, Alberta

Doreen

born May 25, 1935
 at Linden, Alberta

Eileen

born Feb. 13, 1937
 at Linden, Alberta

Clarence

born April 23, 1939
 at Linden, Alberta

Rodney

born Jan. 24, 1941
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Wayne

born July 30, 1942
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Mount Lehman, B. C.
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church membership: Church of
 God in Christ, Mennonite

Margaret

born Oct. 7, 1945
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Helen Geraldine

born August 8, 1949
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 died July 18, 1959
 at Mount Lehman, B. C.
 of a heart condition
 Age: 9 years, 11 months,
 10 days

6th GenerationLaura Giesbrecht

born Dec. 18, 1931

at Linden, Alberta

Address: Mount Lehman, B. C.
Canada

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Has always been a member of the
Church of God in Christ, Menn.Married to Harold Wiebe

on May 8, 1956

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada

Born April 25, 1929

at Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer and carpenter.
Has always been a member
of the Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite7th Generation - ChildrenKenneth

born June 20, 1959

at Mount Lehman, B. C., Canada

Patrick

born June 12, 1962

at Mount Lehman, B. C., Canada

Robert

born July 3, 1963

at Mount Lehman, B. C., Canada

Audrey

born July 21, 1965

at Mount Lehman, B. C., Canada

6th GenerationAlfred Giesbrecht

born August 7, 1933

at Crooked Creek, Alberta

Address: Edmonton, Alberta

Occupation: Surveyor

Before marriage no church affil.

after marriage, Lutheran.

Married to Elsie Altvater

on June 27, 1959

at Vancouver, B. C.

born May 2, 1937

at

A Lutheran before and after
marriage.7th Generation - ChildrenMaria Ruth

born Jan. 27, 1963

at Edmonton, Alberta

Paul David

born July 11, 1964

at Edmonton, Alberta

6th GenerationDoreen Giesbrecht

born May 25, 1935

at Linden, Alberta

Address: Mount Lehman, B. C.
Canada

Profession: Office work

Church affiliation has always

been the Church of God in

Christ, Mennonite.

Married to Aaron Goossen

on Sept. 22, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born November 7, 1930

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Occupation: Carpenter

Church affiliation has always

been with the Church of God

in Christ, Mennonite.

7th Generation - ChildrenCharles

born July 6, 1957

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Joan

born March 2, 1959

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Wendell

born Sept. 22, 1960

at Cartwright, Manitoba

Lynn

born June 12, 1962

at Abbotsford, B. C. Canada

6th GenerationEileen Giesbrecht

born Feb. 13, 1937

at Linden, Alberta

Address: Salmon Arm, B. C. Can.

Church affiliation has always

been with the Church of God

in Christ, Mennonite.

Married to Leo Letkeman

on Nov. 10, 1962

at Abbotsford, B. C. Canada

born on Nov. 7, 1937

in Alberta, Canada

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation has always

been with the Church of God

in Christ, Mennonite.

7th Generation - ChildrenTracy Dean

born August 13, 1963

at Salmon Arm, B. C. Canada

Galen and Cathleen (twins)

born Feb. 24, 1965

at Salmon Arm, B. C., Canada

6th GenerationClarence Giesbrecht

born April 23, 1939

at Linden, Alberta

Address: Mount Lehman, B. C.
Canada

Occupation: Truck Driver

Church affiliation has always
been the Church of God in
Christ, MennoniteMarried to Jean Isaac

on March 3, 1961

at Kleefeld, Manitoba

born April 14, 1939

at Kleefeld, Manitoba

Church affiliation has always
been the Church of God in
Christ, Mennonite7th Generation - ChildrenDale Steven

born July 10, 1965

at Abbotsford, B. C. Canada

6th GenerationRodney Giesbrecht

born June 24, 1941

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Abbotsford, B. C.
Canada

Occupation: Poultry Farmer

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, Mennonite
Married to Marlene Giesbrecht

on July 26, 1964

at Winton, California

born June 24, 1941

in California, U. S.

Church affil.: Always, Church
of God in Christ, Mennonite7th Generation - Children

"Baby" (stillborn)

born April 13, 1965

at Abbotsford, B. C.

died April 13, 1965

at Abbotsford, B. C.

6th GenerationMargaret Giesbrecht

born Oct. 7, 1945

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Abbotsford, B. C.
CanadaChurch affil.: Church of God
in Christ, MennoniteMarried to Leslie Wilson

born

at

Occupation: Missionary

Church affiliation: Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite

5th GenerationAnna Giesbrecht

born Sept. 10, 1905

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Box 1705, Steinbach,
ManitobaChurch affil.: Formerly,
Church of God in Christ, Menn.;
now, Evangelical Menn. BrethrenMarried to Bernard Dyck Penner
on Dec. 20, 1925

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Sept. 26, 1903

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Occupation: Accountant

Church affil.: Formerly,
Church of God in Christ, Menn.;
now, Evangelical Menn. Brethren6th Generation - ChildrenIrene Mabel

born Dec. 9, 1926

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dorothy Margaret

born Dec. 17, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wesley Bernard

born April 16, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died May 2, 1965 at Winnipeg

Dennis Earl

born Feb. 20, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dennis received a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba. After that he took advanced training in fine arts at the Universities of Mexico, Mexico City, and the University of Austria in Salsburg, Austria. See the accompanying article done by him on a tour through Africa and Europe in 1963 to 1965. He now works in Winnipeg for an advertising firm in Commercial Arts.

Caroll Ann

born July 19, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Graduated from Manitoba Teachers College and has two years at Manitoba University.

She teaches in East Kildonan, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Eric Charles (adopted)

born May 28, 1956

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th GenerationIrene Penner

born Dec. 11, 1926

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Registered Nurse

Has always been affiliated with
the Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite.Married to Frank Barkman

on Sept. 23, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba,

born Nov. 15, 1923

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Occupation: Carpenter

Has always been affiliated with
the Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite.7th Generation - ChildrenLaurie

born Nov. 18, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lucille

born April 8, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cheryl

born August 23, 1958

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elaine

born October 20, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationDorothy Penner

born Dec. 7, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Before marriage belonged to
the Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite; after marriage

belongs to no church.

Married to Charlie Jones

on April ? 1965

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born

at

Occupation: Laborer

No church affiliation

6th Generation

Wesley Penner

born April 16, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died May 2, 1965

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Age: 32 years, 17 days,
of heart condition.

Church affiliation before
marriage the Evangelical
Mennonite Brethren; later
Mennonite Brethren.

Occupation: Attorney

Married to Joyce Redekopp

on August 17, 1963

at St. Catharines, Ontario,

born Feb. 13, 1940

at

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Profession: Musician

Church affiliation has always
been Mennonite Brethren.

7th Generation - Children

David Wesley

born May 14, 1964

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

JOYCE PENNER WITH CBC ORCHESTRA

Winnipeg — Joyce Redekopp Penner will be guest harpsichord soloist with the CBC Winnipeg Orchestra, Eric Wilde conductor, on the Friday, December 3, network broadcast of the regular CBC Winnipeg Pops Concert, Winnipeg time 7 p.m. Mrs. Penner will be featured in the Bach Concerto in F Minor for Harpsichord and Strings.

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the Manitoba University
Alumni Journal.

WESLEY PENNER PASSES AT 32



Wesley B. Penner, a lawyer with the firm of Newman, MacLean & Associates and founder of the Mutual (inter-Mennonite) Trust Company, passed away suddenly at his home 7:20 A.M., Sunday, May 2. He was 32.

He is survived by his wife, the former Joyce Redekopp of St. Catharines, Ont., and his 11-month-old son, David.

Also surviving are his parents, Bernard D. Penners, of Steinbach; one brother Dennis, presently in Europe; and three sisters: Mrs. Frank (Irene) Barkman; Mrs. Charles (Dorothy) Jones, and Carol.

As one of the young Mennonite professionals intensely interested in the future of the church, Penner had recognized the need for an estate and investment service for Mennonite families and a year ago obtained a charter for the trust company, which was now beginning to operate. When his congenital heart condition was diagnosed as acute last September, Penner gave up most of his extra-curricular positions, including Sunday School and other activities. Until his marriage he was a member of the Christian Fellowship Chapel (EMB), Winnipeg, but then transferred membership to the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church.

Mr. Penner was also serving as legal counsel for the EMB Conference of Canada, and was in the process of presenting the Conference Pension Program to federal authorities for approval.

He and his doctors were contemplating the advisability of surgery at the time of his death.

"Both of us knew of the seriousness of his condition and that death could come in this way," said Mrs. Penner in commenting on her husband's passing.

"I have no quarrel with God. Wesley lived a very full and useful life."

Dennis is a great-grandson
of Anna Toews (Mrs. C.
Loewen).

Dennis Penner is a local artist, now engaged in a world tour which will occupy several months. The captions which accompany the line drawings were written by the artist. Mr. Penner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Penner of 154 Tache Ave.

By Dennis Penner

Special to The Tribune

EASTERN NIGERIA — The entire mosquito net around me was glowing from the continuous flashes of lightning. I lay listening to distant thunder and reviewed the events of a most unusual day.

Early in the morning I had jumped off a truck two miles from the Uzuakoli Leprosy Settlement in the rainforests of Eastern Nigeria.

A dull drizzle started as I walked up the winding road. The damp hike through scrub brush, tall grass and towering palms finally led to a white stone entrance gate where a friendly native greeted me with a "welcome sah."

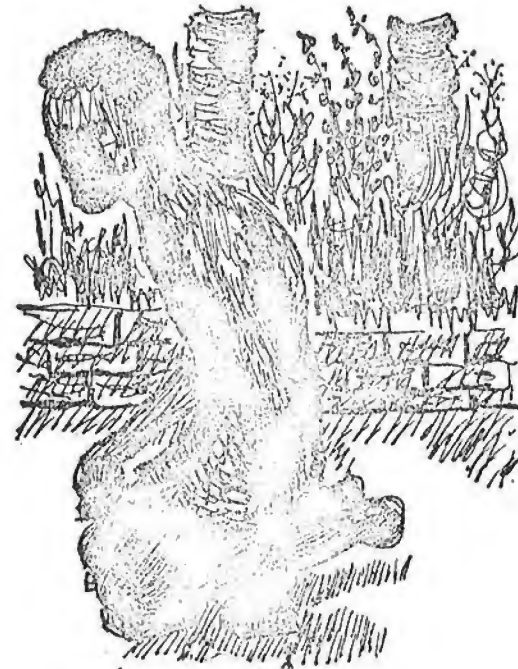
Another half mile and I reached the office, stopping here and there under a tree because of the rain. It was here that I first learned something about this leper colony which I had travelled many miles to see.

Land grant

In 1932, an old native chief had reluctantly granted a portion of land to the Methodist Missionary Society for the purpose of accommodating lepers.

Several years later, some eight hundred lepers were being taught how to cope with their new environment and receiving medical treatment. The number of lepers grew so rapidly that the mission decided to establish other segregation villages.

It was some years later that superstitions about leprosy diminished and patients were allowed to remain in their own communities and receive treatment.



*pada under the house
and under the hands
made this man mobile*

Cure discovered

In an all-out attack on leprosy, the Uzuakoli Settlement established a new research unit headed by a dedicated man, Dr. J. Lowe. A keen interest was also taken in tuberculosis when the two germs were found to have many similarities.

One day, while experimenting with a cure for TB, Dr. Lowe accidentally discovered the cure for leprosy.

By 1948, after further research, the new D.D.S. pill had been 'proved,' and since then it has cured lepers in every part of the world. Taken regularly, D.D.S. can cure a patient within two to three years.

The total number of leprosy victims under treatment by the mission prior to the discovery of D.D.S. was 16,000;

today, there are less than 4,000. (The settlement now houses 500. Travelling doctors treat the rest.)

Man in charge

The first white man I had seen that day entered the office. This was Fred Hasted, an energetic Englishman in charge of rehabilitation.

After a warm handshake and some friendly conversation he motioned me to follow, saying "Let's see the settlement." By his enthusiasm, one could have thought this was to be his first look too.

As we walked towards his well-used station wagon, five boys about ten years old confronted us. Suddenly stern, Mr. Hasted said: "Oh yes, you are the naughty boys who misbehaved yesterday. Well, what have you to say for yourselves."

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"We have come to beg your forgiveness, sah," a spokesman said.

I watched as they received a brief lecture, then went merrily off to play. They appeared so normal and care-free that I was surprised to learn that they were all receiving treatment for leprosy.

Lepers at work

Our first stop was the woodwork shop where several natives engaged in carpentry.

Next, on to the crafts centre where I had my first close look at those who had been most seriously affected by the disease.

One man had lost part of his leg; one an arm; others had lost their fingers. These were the victims of leprosy who had either waited too long before coming for treatment or those who had been stricken before the discovery of D.D.S.

I was depressed by the sight of all these dismembered creatures but as we walked among them, I soon realized that the victims themselves did not share my depression.

In utter amazement I watched a man thread a weaving loom with only the use of a thumb and part of a finger on either hand.

Another man, blind, and with only stubs for fingers, was braiding long strands of dried grass which basket weavers would use for trim.

One of the basket weavers, also blind and without fingers, was led about his work by his seven-year-old son.

As the son did not show any signs of his father's affliction, I asked my guide about the effect of leprosy in heredity.

He told me the disease is not hereditary.

Next we stopped off at the food production centre. Here, more busy people were at work using a modern machine grinding seeds into flour.

Yam - curers were drying the vegetable in the sun, then beating them soft with large sticks.

Other men squeezed palm nuts to produce a nourishing cooking oil.

Leper village

The leper village is where the patients live. I was not expecting such cheerful, pleasant surroundings.

The houses were relatively modern, and made attractive with flower boxes, domestic fruit trees.

The huge recreation centre was used for movies, dances, lectures and sometimes plays

written and put on by the villagers themselves.

Out from the village a building as modern as the future. This was the medical center housing both the research department and the hospital.

In one laboratory, a Nigerian doctor showed me slides of various germs under a highly refined microscope.

Fatal strokes

The leprosy germs appeared like little red strokes floating around bigger blue objects which were the body cells.

The hospital was sectioned off into two departments — one for the treatment of various diseases such as malaria, typhoid and tuberculosis; the other for the treatment of leprosy.

Returning to the Hasted residence for lunch after the tour, I was invited to attend a native ritual. Mr. Hasted had been appointed honorary chief of the tribe and one of his duties was to bring back a chosen bride for one of his employees.

After a bumpy ride over trail and creek, we arrived at the village.

We headed towards the chief's palace at the end of a long row of dilapidated huts.

Mud village

The palace consisted of a seven-foot-high mud wall surrounding several houses built of mud, with thatched roofs. In the centre was a brick house with a tin roof where the chief lived. I discovered that the other houses were for his twelve wives and more than forty children.

The rituals began. First, a dish of kola nuts (stimulants similar to mild forms of alcohol) was passed around the table from tribe to tribe in order that the various tribes had formerly been called to war.

When everyone had handled the dish, the nuts were distributed for eating.

The large pink kernel had a slightly bitter taste — the second one tasted better.

Next, a chalk stone was brought out by the bride's mother for everyone to touch as a symbol of friendship. At this point we caught sight of the bride. She was no more than fourteen and was dressed in plain European-type clothing.

She said a shy 'Good Evening' and disappeared.

Palm wine

Palm wine was poured from hand-made clay containers into modern beer glasses, some of which had company names on them.

The wine was particularly helpful in digesting the vast quantities of roasted goat meat which were served in large chunks and eaten with a community spoon.

The goat meat had a spicy,

peppery flavor and was rather gritty. I politely refused a second helping. I noted my host did likewise.

As it became obvious that the eating and drinking would go on indefinitely, we excused ourselves and retreated to the Hasted residence.

After a refreshing bath and a good meal there, Mr. Hasted returned alone to pick up the bride. He was to take her to her future sister-in-law's house until the following Sunday when a Christian wedding would be performed.

While her husband was out, Mrs. Hasted filled me in on a few other details of the marriage ritual. The "bride price" which every groom must pay to the parents is set by law at ninety dollars. For a beautiful woman, or one of

high social prestige, the price is often higher.

Early days

I asked her about the earlier days of the village. She told me that prior to the establishment of the leper mission, the people believed that evil spirits lived in the hills of the area.

When the former chief had been first approached about land for a leper colony he refused because of the evil associated with lepers.

After many more meetings, he finally granted this portion of land since, being haunted, it was useless to him.

With the success of the leper mission, the chief has become greatly admired, respected, and even feared by

the people for his wisdom in giving up the land to the colony.

He is given credit for overcoming the evil spirits. Rather than housing the devil, the area now helps lepers and has become an economic asset to the surrounding villages.

Informal affair

The honorary English chief finally returned to take me to a stag party for the groom which I was told would be a slightly less serious affair than the ritual dinner. When we arrived at the party the festivities had already begun.

Lepers I had met on my tour of the village were sitting in a jovial atmosphere drinking palm gin (distilled from the palm wine.)

A potent drink with a bitter taste, it is brewed all over Nigeria illegally.

One particular man in the group caught my attention. He was a big, husky man with several fingers missing. Where the others were laughing loudly, he was only smiling.

I found out that his name was Hartforth White, a composer of many complicated hymns with a dominant African rhythm. These hymns have become popular in many parts of the Christian world.

When the serious speeches to the groom were over, we bid the group good night and returned home.

Completely exhausted by the day's events, I lay in bed thinking of the conquered evil spirits, wondering whether the thunder and lightning was their way of complaining.



Studying slides of new patients in the research center.



Wedding feast outdoors

5th GenerationKatherine Giesbrecht

born Feb. 24, 1907

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation has always been with the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite.

Married to Frank Toews

on June 20, 1926

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born June 22, 1903

at Hillsboro, Kansas.

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation has always been with the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenIrma

born Nov. 8, 1927

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Alice

born January 16, 1929

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Kenneth

born Nov. 12, 1931

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Virginia

born April 24, 1934

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Melvin

born Feb. 29, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Louise

born Oct. 3, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Frank Toews married Katherine Giesbrecht on June 20, 1926.

They lived on a farm at Ste. Annes for 7 years and then moved to a farm near Steinbach, Manitoba in 1933. Here they lived until 1956 when they sold the farm and moved to the town of Steinbach.

Frank Toews suffers from multiple sclerosis and has been an invalid for 12 years. This ailment was first noticed in 1933, a slight shaking of the left hand which very slowly grew worse year by year. Some years they noticed very little change but by 1953 he became practically helpless. He is still that way in 1965.

Frank Toews' father is a well man at the age of 100 years in 1965. But in his mother's family he had one aunt that also had multiple sclerosis. She got this quite late in life of which she died. He also had one uncle that died of a stroke and another uncle that was weak after an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Toews live near the Hospital in Steinbach where Mrs. Toews works part time as a receptionist, about 15 hours a week. She has done this for the last 7 years besides looking after her household and her ailing husband.

Franklin

born June 11, 1943

at Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Laborer

Howard

born July 3, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation is with the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite

6th GenerationIrma Toews

born Nov. 8, 1927

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Address: Giroux, Manitoba

Church affiliation has always been with the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite.

Married to Gladwin Barkman

on Oct. 21, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba,

born

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation has always been with the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite.

7th Generation - ChildrenRuth

born Nov. 7, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Joan

born Dec. 12, 1955

at Sinclair, Manitoba

Lois

born July 21, 1957

at Sinclair, Manitoba

Lavaune

born Dec. 2, 1960

at Sinclair, Manitoba

6th GenerationAlice Toews

born January 16, 1929
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Always has been a member of the
 Church of God in Christ, Men-
 nonite
 Married to Edward Wohlgemuth
 on October 21, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Always has been a member of the
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.

7th Generation - ChildrenCarolyn

born Nov. 15, 1952
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bruce

born March 21, 1954
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Rhonda

born January 28, 1958
 at Sinclair, Manitoba

Rodney

born May 5, 1960
 at Sinclair, Manitoba

6th GenerationVirginia Toews

born April 24, 1934
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Married to Albert Fast
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 on November 7, 1955
 born
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Occupation: Construction Work

7th Generation - ChildrenDebeah

born Dec. 9, 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Beverly

born February 21, 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Robin

born May 31, 1965
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationMelvin Toews

born Feb. 29, 1936
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Beaver Lodge, Alberta
 Occupation: Farmer
 Before marriage no church af-
 filiation, later Evangelical
 Church.
 Married to Bernice Reimer
 on September , 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born
 at
 Profession: Bank Teller
 Before marriage no church af-
 filiation, later Evangelical
 Church.

7th Generation - ChildrenKevin

born February 29, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died March 5, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Cause of death: Respiratory
 disorders

Timothy

born July 11, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Trevis

born November 15, 1964
 at Beaver Lodge, Alberta

6th GenerationLouise Toews

born Oct. 5, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession: Bank Teller
 Before marriage was a member
 of the Church of God in
 Christ, Mennonite church,
 later no church affiliation.
 Married to Albert Bartel
 on May 7, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born
 at
 Occupation: Carpenter

7th Generation - ChildrenPatrick

born Aug. 9, 1961
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Katherine

born April 6, 1965
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationJacob Giesbrecht

born May 26, 1908

at Lanigan, Saskatchewan

Address: Newton, Kansas

Occupation: Railroad Engineer

Married to Adeline Schmidt

on Oct. 27, 1938

at Halstead, Kansas

born Aug. 12, 1910

at Halstead, Kansas

Church affiliation after marriage, the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite.

6th Generation - ChildrenAriona

born June 5, 1940

at Halstead, Kansas

Sharon

born Nov. 25, 1943

at Halstead, Kansas

Jake Giesbrecht lives in Newton, Kansas, and is the engineer on the "Super Chief" Santa Fe passenger train running at 100 miles an hour between Newton and Dodge City. He is married to Adeline Schmidt and has two daughters. Jake related the following story:

I was born in Lanigan, Saskatchewan, where my parents homesteaded in 1906 together with several more enterprising Steinbach pioneers. I was two when we moved back to Clearsprings, Manitoba, 4 miles northeast of Steinbach. On this home place I always heard the Canadian National trains running between Winnipeg and Duluth. It seems as if this started me off wanting to be a railroader.

I left the farm when I was 21. During the summer of 1929 I went to work in the Kansas harvest. I made \$200 but came to Manitoba with only \$10 left. I liked Kansas better than Manitoba for it had a milder climate and more work opportunities. So I got a permanent visa and went back to stay.

I first hired out to a Kansas farmer to feed cattle for room and board. I soon left this place and went to Lyken, Colorado, about 300 miles southeast of Denver, where John Giesbrecht and I raised broom corn. I stayed there until 1938 when drought drove me off the farm. I returned to Halstead, Kansas where I got married to Josephine Schmidt, whose parents got killed in a car accident a month later.

We tried to farm but when that got too rough my wife and I decided that I would try railroading. When I found out that the Missouri Pacific needed enginemen I bought a pair of gloves and a shovel and made my trial run. The big job for a rookie fireman was to keep the engine hot. When my engine stayed really hot with the 16 ton of coal that I fed into it, I was really proud.

My next trip was not so good. We had two engines and I fired the front one. To my chagrin I soon found out that I could not even keep the engine hot enough to keep the air pump going. My new gloves now didn't look so good. However, I soon learned how to twist the shovel and spread the coal evenly in the firebox and a few other tricks to keep the engine at 200 degrees. The

noise bothered me much more. Before I got used to it I sometimes thought my ears would burst.

After firing for a year I felt that I had to be away from home too much and took up seismographic oil drilling with the Standard Oil Company. I liked the work quite well but when the Santa Fe looked for experienced firemen during the war, I went back to railroading and have been with it ever since.

I have railroaded now for more than 20 years. My run has always been from Newton through Hutchinson, Great Bend to Dodge City. I fired for four years before I became an engineer. I had handled engines before but always as fireman. Those first years I preferred to fire passenger engines because they had stokers. Later when oil was used, firing became much easier and less involved.

I have had a few bad accidents. At Montezuma one time a Mrs. Eva Unruh was killed when her husband, Joel Unruh, did not see us come and drove on the track. At another time my conductor fell from the top of the car to the track. While he fell between the cars his head hit a bar and knocked him out. In this helpless condition his clothes were caught by the wheels which dragged him along the inside of the track until I was signalled to stop quickly. When I was told I had run over the conductor I ran back and saw him lie underneath the car with a big gash on his head. None of us thought for a moment that he could be alive. But when I went close I noticed that the dust was flying from his nostrils and I concluded that he was living. We pulled him free and to our surprise found that the gash on the head was the only injury. In the fall he had been knocked unconscious and this saved his life.

At all times the engineer must keep his foot on the emergency pedal and keep his mind on the signals before him. There is no co-engineer nor is there any specific help; the engineer is responsible for the safety of the train. At the present I run the Super Chief out of Newton at about 100 miles. One time when my throttle got stuck at 56 miles an hour the whole line was in an uproar because all the traffic on the line was upset.

At the time of the bowl games we are quite busy running special trains with people going to the games. All our engines are Diesels now and when we go to work we sign up at the round house for the run. Our work is not specified by hours or days but by runs, that is from one division point to another.

When people ask me why I am a railroader I can only say it is in my blood. And when did I get it? I think it happened in Clearsprings when from the time I was a little boy I heard the Old C.N.R. freighters haul their heavy loads three miles east of us through the endless woods.

6th GenerationAriona Giesbrecht

born June 5, 1940
 at Halstead, Kansas
 Address: 2307 Bellview
 La Junta, Colorado
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affil.: Formerly, Church
 of God in Christ, Mennonite;
 now, none.
 Married to Benny Miller
 on Sept. 4, 1965
 at Newton, Kansas
 born February 3, 1938
 at Newton, Kansas
 Occupation: Wire Chief
 (Communications) Santa Fe
 Church affiliation: First
 Christian

6th GenerationSharon Giesbrecht

born Nov. 25, 1943
 at Burns, Kansas
 Address: 3221 N.W. 16th St.,
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Profession: Medical Secretary
 Church affiliation before mar-
 riage, the Church of God in
 Christ, Mennonite; later, none.
 Married to Larry Carney
 on July 6, 1963
 at McPherson, Kansas
 born March 25, 1941
 at McPherson, Kansas

5th GenerationAlbert Giesbrecht

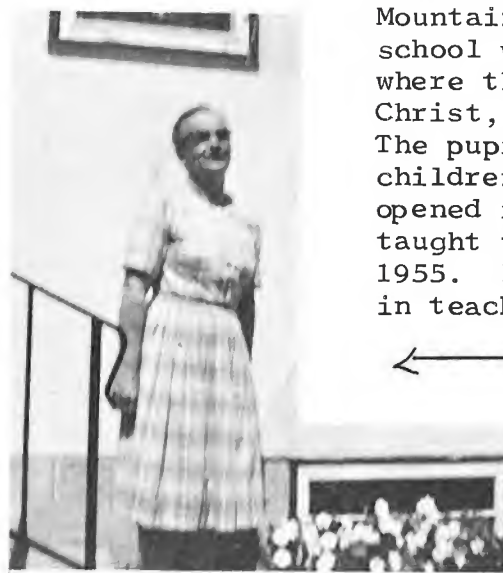
born July 21, 1910
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Occupation: Oil Agent
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Nina Mason
 on Nov. 16, 1939
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born April 10, 1918
 at Vassar, Manitoba
 Profession: Stenographer
 Church affil.: Always,
 United Church of Canada

6th Generation - ChildrenFay

born Jan. 11, 1948
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dianne

born Nov. 27, 1953
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationElizabeth Giesbrecht

born February 1, 1912
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Profession: School Teacher
 Always has been a member of the
 Church of God in Christ, Menn.
 Married to Thomas Wiebe
 on June 29, 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born August 8, 1904
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Occupation: Implement Dealer
 Always has been a member of
 the Church of God in Christ,
 Mennonite

Mrs. Thomas M. Wiebe (Elizabeth Giesbrecht) graduated from Teacher's College in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1933. She taught until 1957 when she married Thomas Wiebe. She taught mostly in country schools. For seven years she taught in Steinbach and three years in a Mission School in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. This school was on an Indian Reserve where the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite has a mission. The pupils here were all Indian children. This school had been opened in 1950 and Mrs. Wiebe taught there in 1952, 1954 and 1955. It was real pioneer work in teaching.



Mrs. Thomas M. Wiebe
 in front of her house
 in Steinbach. Eliza-
 beth has helped exten-
 sively in getting the
 information from her
 family for this book.
 Thank you! (APT)

5th GenerationMary Giesbrecht

born July 6, 1914
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Giroux, Manitoba
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Before marriage was a mem-
 ber of the Church of God in
 Christ, Mennonite; after mar-
 riage a member of the United
 Church of Canada.
 Married to William Mooney
 on May 31, 1942
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born June 20, 1913
 at Giroux, Manitoba.
 Occupation: Farmer
 Before marriage was a mem-
 ber of the Church of God in
 Christ, Mennonite; after
 marriage a member of the
 United Church of Canada.

6th Generation - ChildrenMary Jean

born Oct. 14, 1944
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Katherine

born February 8, 1948
 at Giroux, Manitoba

Phyllis

born Sept. 9, 1949
 at Giroux, Manitoba

6th GenerationMary Jean Mooney

born Oct. 14, 1944

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Profession: Registered Nurse

Before and after marriage a
member of the United Church
of Canada.Married to Jacob Toews

on Oct. 24, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born June 4, 1944

at

Occupation: Carpenter

Before and after marriage a
member of the United Church
of Canada.5th GenerationEdwin Giesbrecht

born Dec. 19, 1915

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Carpenter

Before marriage no church
affiliation; after marriage
Evangelical Mennonite.Married to Elizabeth Wieler

on June 22, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born on April 29, 1922

at Steinbach, Manitoba.

Before marriage belonged to
the Mennonite Brethren and
later the Evangelical Menn.6th Generation - Children

(Infant)

born Jan. 12, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Jan. 12, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Brenda

born Jan. 13, 1950

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Valerie

born Nov. 19, 1952

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationMinna Giesbrecht

born Dec. 25, 1918

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Dominion City, Man.

Profession: Stenographer

Before marriage no church
affiliation; after marriage,
the United Church of Canada.Married to Albert Goossen

on May 4, 1940

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born June 29, 1918

at Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Implement
DealerBefore marriage no church
affiliation; after marriage,
the United Church of Canada.6th Generation - ChildrenMary Jane

born July 31, 1941

at Giroux, Manitoba

Christie

born Jan. 5, 1943

at Giroux, Manitoba

Elizabeth

born March 20, 1944

at Giroux, Manitoba

Robert

born March 21, 1947

at Giroux, Manitoba

Member of the United Church
of Canada6th GenerationMary Jane Goossen

born July 31, 1941

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Profession: School Teacher

Church affil.: Always,
United Church of CanadaMarried to Calvin Ramsey

on August 17, 1963

at Dominion City, Manitoba

born

at Dominion City, Manitoba

Occupation: Engineer

Church affil.: Always,
United Church of Canada

6th GenerationChristie Goossen

born Jan. 5, 1943

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Arnaud, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

United Church of Canada

Married to William Dearborn

on August 13, 1960

at Dominion City, Manitoba

born

at Arnaud, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

United Church of Canada

7th Generation - ChildrenMichelle

born Jan. 10, 1962

at Arnaud, Manitoba

Shirlee

born August 13, 1963

at Arnaud, Manitoba

6th GenerationElizabeth Goossen

born March 20, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Profession: School Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

United Church of Canada

Married to Barry Solnes

on August 14, 1965

at Dominion City, Manitoba

born

at Dominion City, Manitoba

Occupation: Engineer

Church affiliation: Always,

United Church of Canada

5th GenerationLottie Giesbrecht

born Oct. 19, 1920

at Giroux, Manitoba

Profession: School Teacher

Address: Giroux, Manitoba

Before marriage the church
affiliation was the Church of
God in Christ, Mennonite;
later, the United Church of
Canada.Married to Isaac Mooney

on July 9, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born May 8, 1915

at Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Before marriage the church
affiliation was with the
Church of God in Christ,
Mennonite; later the United
Church of Canada.6th Generation - ChildrenThomas

born Oct. 19, 1945

at Giroux, Manitoba

Doris

born Feb. 9, 1948

at Giroux, Manitoba

Marjorie

March 27, 1955

at Giroux, Manitoba

5th GenerationErnest Giesbrecht

born May 16, 1927

at Giroux, Manitoba

Address: Kola, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Before marriage affiliated
with the Church of God in
Christ, Mennonite; later,
the Evangelical Mennonite
Church.Married to Hilda Rempel

on June 10, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born June 1, 1932

at Kleefeld, Manitoba

Profession: Secretary

Has always had her church
affiliation with the Evan-
gelical Mennonite Church.

4th GenerationAnna Loewen

born March 15, 1886
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 21, 1934
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 of cancer
 Age: 48 years, 1 month, 6 days
 Church affil.: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (E.M.C.)
 Married to Jacob Giesbrecht
 on Dec. 9, 1905
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born March 18, 1882
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Feb. 17, 1948
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 of a stroke
 Age: 65 years, 11 months
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (E.M.C.)

5th Generation - ChildrenAnna

born Dec. 16, 1908
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Tina

born July 26, 1910
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 16, 1934
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Age: 24 years, 2 months, 20 days
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church (Kleingemeinde)

Bernhard

born Feb. 13, 1912
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Jacob

born Aug. 30, 1913
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaretha

born March 4, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Profession: Missionary in
 Japan
 Address: 221 Kamate Cho
 Maka-Ku, Yokohama, Japan
 Church affil.: Mennonite
 Brethren

Cornelius

born June 5, 1918
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Willie

born Sept. 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 16, 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elizabeth

born Jan. 21, 1920
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Profession: Teaching at
 present in Leopoldville, Congo
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

Mary

born March 26, 1922
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church
 Address: Portland, Oregon

Peter

born May 30, 1926
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Profession: Salesman
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church
 Address: Portland, Oregon

Elizabeth Giesbrecht

She is a missionary teacher in the Congo, in Africa. She is a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church at Prairie Rose, Manitoba (Kleingemeinde). Accompanying this is a report Elizabeth wrote for all the rest of us Toews.

During my years of training, Steinbach Bible Institute and Manitoba Teachers College, I waited for just such an opportunity. While making preparations for leaving Canada, Congo was in a state of turmoil. Not many had a word of encouragement. My biggest worry; I might not get there!

I did, October 1964. My contract is directly with the American School, although I have connections with the Congo Inland Mission. They assisted with documents. My work is that of a classroom teacher, third grade. Approximately half of the children are of American extraction and these have lived in many parts of the world. The balance of the class hails from China, Egypt, Pakistan, Norway, France, Belgium. One need not look for a geography lesson. Recently, while attempting to teach a unit on "By Air to New York," there was so much or so many responses, I suggested we close our texts and let them take over. Almost overwhelming.

B.P. 4702
 Kinshasa II
 Republique Democratique
 Du Congo, Afrique

May 3, 1966

Dear Brother Toews:

I appreciated your letter of April 2nd. Somehow letters from unexpected sources, such as yours, bring a blessing all its own. Filling out the form is another matter!

It was Melvin Loewen (now the chancellor of the Protestant University of the Congo and a cousin to Elizabeth - APT) who, when on a brief furlough in the summer of '63, asked: "When will you be ready to come and teach at the American School of Kinshasa (formerly Leopoldville)?"

My answer to this query was: "In a year." There had been no previous communication regarding the proposition. For me, this was it!

The school began as a missionary project in 1961 and has this year an enrollment of 330 or more. It has reached international proportions. About half of the children are M.K.s.(?)

In many ways teaching here is like it is at home. Facilities are good. The America curriculum is followed. Our principal, Orv. Wiebe, allows us free reign in classrooms. Ten minutes are allotted for "devotions" daily. They are influencing the impressionable young minds. There is no lack of attention while the Bible story is read. For many this is the only Christian instruction. A rare challenge!! In this area I feel I'm a missionary but can hardly be classified as such.

My contract is up June '66 but I have renewed it for another two-year term. The school gives us a brief furlough - about three months - June to September. Instead of a trip home, which is no longer home, I'll content myself with one to Europe. Enroute, I plan to stop over at Nairobi and in Ethiopia to visit friends. Then to Switzerland, via Cairo, for the balance of my vacation. Not quite that, for six weeks is to be spent in French language study. French is not required of me, but I'd like it for my own good.

Living in Kinshasa is much like living in another city. We stick pretty well to "Little America" or "white islands," largely because of the language barrier. Fellowship with missionaries is good. My photography consists mostly of colored film. I'm enclosing a snapshot - about all I have on hand.

Best of everything with your project.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Giesbrecht

Honduras Settlers Clearing More Land

Spanish Lookout, Br. Honduras. — Settlers here as well as at Richmond Hill are persistently keeping at the job of clearing more forest and bushlands for cultivation.

Most of the cleared areas make good pasture and are suitable for rice, beans and corn.

Because of the wet, tropical climate, the new timber growth must however be kept under constant control, otherwise the cleared areas quickly revert back to bushland.

Mennonites first settled in Br. Honduras in 1958, when Old Colony, Kleine Gemeinde and Sommerfelder groups moved here from Mexico.

5th Generation

Anna L. Giesbrecht

born Dec. 16, 1908
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Belize, British Honduras, Box 427
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Mennonite)
Married to David J. Thiessen on July 26, 1938
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born April 3, 1908
at Giroux, Manitoba
Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Mennonite)

6th Generation - Children

Anna

born Nov. 10, 1940
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Jacob

born Nov. 6, 1942
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Ch. affil.: Kleingemeinde
David

born March 4, 1944
at Giroux, Manitoba
Ch. affil.: Kleingemeinde
Peter

born July 17, 1946
at Giroux, Manitoba
Ch. affil.: Kleingemeinde
Margaretha

born Jan. 7, 1948
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Ch. affil.: Kleingemeinde
Ruben

born Sept. 18, 1949
at Quellen Coloney, Chih., Mexico
Cornelius

born March 29, 1953 at
Quellen Coloney, Chih., Mex.



Tower Hill Ferry in Orange walk district



The air mail letter we received from the Thiessens in Honduras



Aerial view of Belize City in British Honduras

At our request, this letter, describing their home, family and country in British Honduras, Central America, was sent to us by Mrs. David J. Thiessen, nee Anna Giesbrecht, 5th Generation in the Toews family.

Belize, Box 427
British Honduras,
Central America

Dear Toews Friends:

We are all farmers. We moved to Mexico from Manitoba and to British Honduras from Mexico. Our rainfall is from 70 to 90 inches a year. We raise corn and beans. On the land where we now have corn we plant beans for the winter, that is in January. We have no frost.

We have planted corn on land where we cut the bush. After New Year it is burned and a few months later the corn is planted with a stick. We hire natives to do this but our boys and girls are doing this too. The bush is cut in summer, burnt in winter; the corn is planted in spring and broken when ripe. After a few years the big trees and stumps are pushed together with a caterpillar and bulldozer and burned. Then the land is plowed and planted with the use of a tractor.

It costs about \$100 an acre to get land ready for plowing. We bought our land for \$10 an acre. We have planted quite a few acres of grapefruit, oranges and lemons. We have pineapple plants and bananas. We had bananas but they required more attention than we could give them. We sometimes buy a bundle. If one always has them one is not so fond of them. We have a few mango trees and like the fruit very much.

Our houses are built with lumber. We used to milk our cows outside but now we have milking barns so that we can milk without getting wet when it rains.

Belize has about 27,000 and is 70 miles from us. It is close to the ocean. When we were young we did not live near the ocean. So far we didn't have a boat ride yet, except crossing the river. We have to cross the Belize river when we want to go to Belize or elsewhere. There is a good ferry now.

Our closest town is Cayo, about 15 miles from us. Here in our church are about 315 members. It is a Kleingemeinde (Menno-

nite) Church. The schools are our own private schools. We have no car but have a jeep. Most people come to church with the tractor. I am enclosing a few pictures. Our son-in-law is starting a hatchery. He is Peter R. Friesen and comes originally from Morris, Manitoba.

We have good air service from New Orleans and Miami. My step-mother visited us last winter coming here from Winnipeg. It took 22 hours coming and 11 hours going back. She bought her tickets through Menno Travel Service.

There is a good highway through Mexico. We recently had people visiting here from Morris, Manitoba who came by car.

We would be glad to have you come for a visit. We get very few visitors from the outside countries. The Mennonite Central Committee has a place in Belize where we can stay over night. We think that's very handy to have a stopping place in the city. The Beachy Amish have a Mission in Hatteville, a small town built after the hurricane Hattie. There is a mission in Belize too. The minister is Mr. Paul Martin, from Pennsylvania. Quite a few Pax boys are there.

With best regards to all our Toews families,
Mr. and Mrs. David J. Thiessen

P.S. We have a grandchild born Aug. 30, 1966. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Friesen.



San Ignacio Town,
capital of Cayo District

6th GenerationAnna G. Thiessen

born Nov. 10, 1940

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Spanish Look Out, .

British Honduras

Church affil.: Kleingemeinde

Married to Peter R. Friesen

on Sept. 10, 1961

at Spanish Look Out,

British Honduras

born Nov. 10, 1939

at

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Kleingemeinde

(Mennonite)

7th Generation - ChildrenHarold

born June 19, 1962

at Spanish Look Out,

British Honduras

Irene

born Sept. 4, 1963

at Spanish Look Out,

British Honduras

Timothy

born May 29, 1965

at Spanish Look Out,

British Honduras

5th GenerationBernhard Loewen Giesbrecht

born Feb. 13, 1912

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Lorette, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Before mar-

riage, none; after, Evan-

gelical Mennonite Church

Married to Leah Penner

on Nov. 19, 1938

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born July 2, 1917

at Landmark, Manitoba

Church affil.: Before mar-

riage, Holdeman; after mar-

riage, Evang. Menn. Church

6th Generation - ChildrenIrene

born July 7, 1939

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Ruth

born Dec. 2, 1941

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Robert

born Nov. 24, 1943

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Kenneth

born June 9, 1945

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Carol

born Nov. 18, 1950

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Student at present

Jane

born June 8, 1957

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th GenerationViola Irene Giesbrecht

born July 7, 1939

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Address: Thompson, Manitoba

Church affil.:

Married to Harry Wiebe Toews

on Oct. 4, 1958

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Nov. 10, 1935

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Occupation: Contracting Manager

Church affiliation: None

7th Generation - ChildrenAnthony Martin

born Sept. 15, 1959

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Andrew

born Dec. 14, 1961

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Kimberley

born Nov. 17, 1965

at Thompson, Manitoba

6th GenerationRuth Giesbrecht

born Dec. 2, 1941

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always,

Evang. Mennonite Church

Married to Dave Edward Rinas

on Aug. 11, 1961

at Landmark, Manitoba

born June 29, 1939

at Waldheim, Saskatchewan

Occupation: Machinist

Church affil.: Before mar-

riage, Mennonite Brethren;

after marriage, Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren.

7th Generation - ChildrenHeather

born Sept. 6, 1962

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Edward

born Jan. 29, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sherri

born May 29, 1965

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

Robert Giesbrecht
 born Nov. 24, 1943
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Address: Vanderhoof, British
 Columbia, Canada
 Occupation: Machine Operator
 Church affil.: Formerly
 Baptist
 Married to Leona Sharrin
Schroeder
 on April 15, 1966
 at Vanderhoof, British Columbia
 born January 1948
 at Altona, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Baptist

5th Generation

Jacob Loewen Giesbrecht
 born August 23, 1913
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Menisino, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer and Min-
 ister of the Gospel
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Evangelical Menn. Church;
 later, Emmanuel Mission Church
 Married to Olga Reimer Kroeker
 on May 13, 1945
 at Prairie Rose E. M. Church
 born Aug. 11, 1924
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church and Emman-
 uel Mission Church

5th Generation

Cornelius Loewen Giesbrecht
 born June 5, 1918
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Before
 marriage, none; after marriage,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Irene Haddock
 on June 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born March 14, 1922
 in England
 Profession: School Teacher
 Church affil.: Formerly, none;
 after marriage, Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Lorraine
 born April 13, 1946
 at
Reginald
 born April 19, 1947
 at
Daniel
 born Aug. 14, 1949
 at
Gerald Dwayne
 born July 30, 1952
 at Vita, Manitoba
 (Baby) stillborn?
 Feb. 7, 1951
 at
Timothy Charles
 born Nov. 29, 1953
 at Vita, Manitoba
Marilyn Kay
 born Feb. 21, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation - Children

Ethel Elizabeth
 born June 23, 1947
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 At present student at
 Manitoba University
 Church affiliation: Evangelical
 Free Church

Brian
 born Oct. 29, 1949
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Stanley
 born Oct. 23, 1951
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Laurin
 born July 30, 1955
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

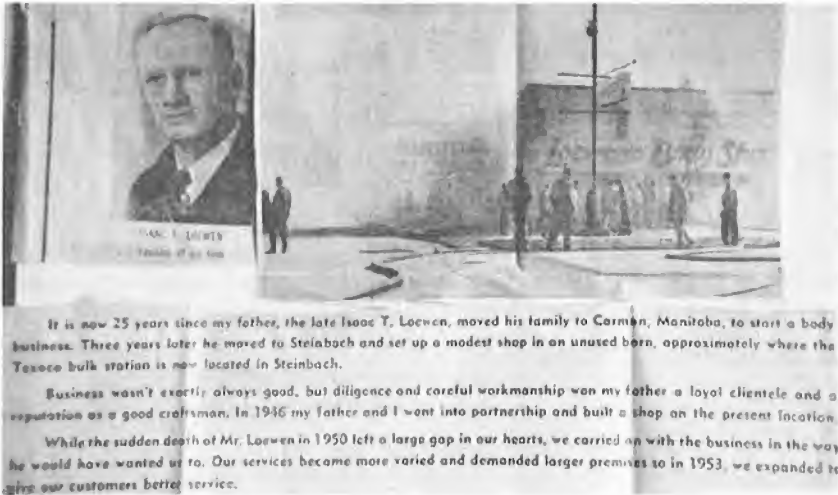
4th Generation

Isaac Toews Loewen
born Feb. 25, 1888
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died Nov. 27, 1950
at Steinbach, Manitoba
of a heart attack
Age: 62 years, 9 months, 2 days
Occupation: Proprietor of
Loewen's Body Shop
Church affil.: Evangelical
Mennonite Brethren at first;
later, Mennonite Brethren
Married to Mary Ratzlaff
on Dec. 11, 1912
at Jansen, Nebraska
born June 17, 1887
at Jansen, Nebraska
Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Evangelical
Mennonite Brethren at first;
later, Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - Children
Elizabeth

born Nov. 30, 1914
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Bertha
born March 21, 1916
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Anna
born Feb. 22, 1918
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Emma
born April 25, 1920
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Albert
born June 5, 1921
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Elsie
born April 12, 1923
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Irene Marion
born Jan. 15, 1926
at Fairbury, Nebraska



Pictures

1. Isaac T. Loewen and his first plant that burned.
2. Old plant, fire and new plant interior.
3. Exterior of plant.
4. Plant facing Main Street, Steinbach, Man.

5th Generation

Elizabeth Ratzlaff Loewen
born Nov. 30, 1914
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
Church affil.: Always, Mennonite Brethren
Married to Cornelius G. Unruh on July 7, 1936
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Feb. 19, 1905
at Waldheim, South Russia
Occupation: High School Teacher and Violin Teacher
Church affil.: Before marriage, none; now, Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children
Phyllis A.

born July 8, 1937
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Profession: High School Teach.
Church affil.: Mennonite Brethren
Marlene
born Nov. 3, 1936
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Margaret Rose
born March 13, 1940
at Steinbach, Manitoba
David G.

born Dec. 20, 1944
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Insurance Administrator
Church affil.: Menn. Brethren
Geraldine R.
born Dec. 15, 1949
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Richard C.
born April 15, 1952
at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

Marlene Elizabeth Unruh
born Nov. 3, 1938
at Steinbach, Man.
Address: Winnipeg, Man.
Profession: Teacher
Church affiliation:
Married to Paul Neustadter on Aug. 20, 1960
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
born Sept. 4, 1933
at Kolochewsky, Rulnih,
Ukraine
Occupation: "Public Relations" for Loewen
Piano House
Church affil.: Always,
First Mennonite

7th Generation - Children

Karen Ruth
born Nov. 18, 1964
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th Generation

Margaret Rose Unruh
born March 13, 1940
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: 924 N. Inglewood, Inglewood, Calif.
Profession: Reg. Nurse
Church affil.: Always
Mennonite Brethren
Married to Donald John Unruh on Aug. 28, 1962
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
born April 19, 1939
at Otacamund, India
Occupation: Teacher
and Student at present
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite Brethren

7th Generation - Children

Miriam Kaye
born Nov. 18, 1963
at Fresno, California

5th Generation

Bertha Loewen
born March 21, 1916
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Portland, Oregon
Church affil.: Formerly,
Evang. Menn. Brethren;
now, Emmanuel Mission Ch.
Married to Leonard B. Reimer on May 21, 1939
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born March 13, 1916
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Representative of Gospel Missionary Union
Church affil.: Formerly
Evang. Menn. Brethren;
now, Emmanuel Miss. Ch.

6th Generation - Children

Beverley Ann
born March 5, 1940
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Leonard Arthur
born Dec. 26, 1941
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Teacher
Church affil.: Emmanuel
Mission Church

Barbara Lynn
born Feb. 7, 1946
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died Dec. 3, 1948
in Steinbach, Manitoba
in a car accident

Theodore Wayne
born March 26, 1953
at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

Beverley Ann Reimer
born March 5, 1940
at Steinbach, Man.
Address: Steinbach,
Man.
Church affil.: Formerly,
Evangelical Menn. Breth.;
now, Emmanuel Mission
Church
Married to James Penner
on July 29, 1958
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Sept. 4, 1939
at Rosthern, Sask.
Occupation: Manager of
Grocery Store
Church affil.: Formerly,
Evang. Menn. Brethren;
now, Emmanuel Mission
Church

7th Generation - Children

James Phillip
born Nov. 20, 1959
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Judith Pauline
born Oct. 16, 1962
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Anna Loewen
born Feb. 22, 1918
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Formerly,
Mennonite Brethren; now,
Evangelical Menn. Breth.
Married to Alfred J. Reimer on Jan. 25, 1942
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born July 10, 1918
at Dalmeny, Sask.
Occupation: Proprietor
of Alf's Radio and Electric
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Menn. Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Brian Alfred
born May 21, 1944
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Bank Teller
Church affil.: None

Anne Jeanette
born March 13, 1947
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Evangelical
Menn. Brethren

Elaine Marie
born April 4, 1953
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Gwen Dianne
born Nov. 27, 1955
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Stephen Ray
born Feb. 8, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationEmma Loewen

born April 25, 1920
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: R.R. #1, Box 66,
 Moundridge, Kansas
 Profession: Social Worker
 (M.S.W. Degree)
 Church affiliation before and
 after marriage, Mennonite
 Brethren.
 Married to David J. Schroeder
 on Sept. 4, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.
 born August 28, 1913
 at Moundridge, Kansas
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation before and
 after marriage, Mennonite
 Brethren

Emma is the stepmother of her
 husband's two children of his
 previous marriage:

Duane D. Schroeder

born Nov. 4, 1940
 in Kansas
 Married to Lois Epp (Canadian)
 on Aug. 3, 1961
 born Aug. 8, 1939
 Have one child, Kirsten Elise
 born June 11, 1964

Katherine Marie Schroeder

born April 13, 1944
 in Kansas
 Married to Ronald Dean Ens
 on Jan. 10, 1965
 born July 6, 1944



Mrs. Emma Schroeder

New Staff Member At Prairie View

Newton, Kan.—Mrs. Emma Loewen Schroeder of rural Moundridge, a naturalized citizen originally from Steinbach, Manitoba, recently was employed as a social worker working with the outpatient team at Prairie View Mental Health Center, Newton.

A graduate in 1964 of the University of Nebraska, Omaha, with a master's degree in social work, her training placement was with the American Red Cross Home Division and in the Mental Hygiene Clinic of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Omaha, Neb.

She took her undergraduate work at Tabor College, Hillsboro, majoring in sociology. She was married in 1964 to David J. Schroeder, and is a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

5th GenerationAlbert Ratzlaff Loewen

born June 5, 1921
 at Isle-des-chenes, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Owner of Loewen
 Body Shop in Steinbach, Man.
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Mary Willms
 on Aug. 10, 1946
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born August 19, 1922
 in Russia
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenWesley James

born May 14, 1947
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Student at present

Mary Elenore

born Aug. 24, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Student at present

Patricia Lorraine

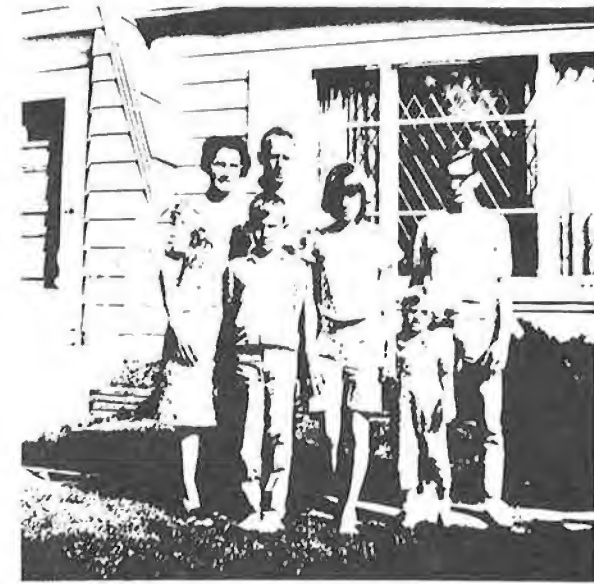
born Oct. 2, 1951
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Albert Mark

born May 24, 1954 (?)
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Barbara Jane

born Jan. 11, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba



Loewen Advisor To Dept. Of Education



Albert Loewen, Hanover S.D. chairman, is the newest member of the Department of Education's Advisory Board. The appointment was announced today by the Hon. George Johnson, Minister of Education. Mr. Loewen was also named to the Advisory Board of the Manitoba School for the Deaf.



Active in education for several years, Mr. Loewen has been a trustee of the Hanover Division since its formation in 1958. For the past three years, he has been chairman of the board.

In November, 1965, he was named director of Area 1 for the Manitoba Association of School Trustees. Mr. Loewen operates Loewen's Body Shop in Steinbach.

5th Generation

Elsie Loewen
 born April 12, 1923
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Calgary, Alberta
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Jacob Bergen
 on Oct. 7, 1949
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Dec. 20, 1924
 in Russia
 Occupation: Minister of the
 Gospel
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Marjorie Ellen
 born Feb. 26, 1951
 at Vancouver, B. C.

Paul Edward
 born Feb. 9, 1952
 at Albert Bay, B. C.

Catherine Marie
 born Oct. 3, 1954
 at Prince Rupert, B. C.

David Jacob
 born Jan. 14, 1957
 at Prince Rupert, B. C.

Irene Jeanette
 born Oct. 29, 1958
 at Hepburn, Saskatchewan

Daniel James
 born Sept. 7, 1960
 at Hepburn, Saskatchewan

5th Generation

Irene Loewen
 born Jan. 15, 1926
 at Fairbury, Nebraska
 Address: Fresno, California
 Church affil.: Formerly
 member of the Steinbach Menn.
 Brethren Church; now, Butler
 Mennonite Brethren Church in
 Fresno, California
 Married to Abram J. Neufeld
 on Aug. 17, 1946
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born May 2, 1920
 at Sergaevka, Russia
 Occupation: Minister of the
 Gospel
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 member of the Niverville Menn.
 Brethren Church; now, member
 of the Butler Mennonite Breth-
 ren Church in Fresno, Calif.

6th Generation - Children

Thomas Raye Abram
 born Dec. 9, 1947
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Student at present
 Member of the Butler M. B.
 Church, Fresno, California

Charles Timothy
 born May 21, 1949
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Student at present
 Member of the Butler M. B.
 Church, Fresno, California

Gareth Wayne
 born July 7, 1951
 at Chilliwack, B. C.
 Member of the Butler M. B.
 Church in Fresno, California

4th Generation

Peter Toews Loewen
 born June 2, 1891
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 8, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of stroke and coronary
 Age: 61 years, 10 months,
 6 days.
 Occupation: Garage owner
 Always belonged to the
 Evangelical Menn. Brethren
 Married to Anna Harms Friesen
 on Aug. 2, 1914
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Dec. 19, 1894
 in Colorado.
 Died on Aug. 16, 1920
 at Steinbach, Manitoba.
 Cause of death: Tuberculosis
 Age: 25 years, 9 months,
 23 days.
 Always an Evang. Mennonite
 Brethren member.
 Married to Margaret Harms
Friesen on Oct. 31, 1920
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Dec. 12, 1892
 at Jansen, Nebraska
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Always an Evang. Mennonite
 Brethren member.

Children - 5th Generation

Margaret
 born Nov. 30, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Benjamin
 born May 17, 1917
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Edna
 born Feb. 25, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anne

born Aug. 27, 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

George Peter

born April 8, 1924
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Herman

born Aug. 28, 1925
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Katherine Francis

born Feb. 22, 1927
 at Dallas, Oregon

Eileen Marie

born Feb. 12, 1930
 at Steinbach, Manitoba



Peter Loewen and his
 brother-in-law, Jacob H.W. Reimer,
 Katharina Loewen's husband

5th GenerationMargaret Loewen

born Nov. 30, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Earlier belonged to the
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 later, Emmanuel Mission Church.
 Profession: Clerk
 Married to Linden Toews Penner
 on June 19, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born March 23, 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Operates a shoe store
 Earlier belonged to
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 later, Emmanuel Mission Church

6th Generation - ChildrenAudrey Margaret

born Oct. 19, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Member of Emmanuel Mission Church
 Profession: Registered Nurse

Donalda Marie

born July 6, 1945
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Member of Emmanuel Mission Church
 Occupation: Student

5th GenerationBenjamin Friesen Loewen

born May 17, 1917
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Garageman
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
 affiliation before and after
 marriage
 Married to Alvina Barkman Rempel
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 on June 9, 1940
 born October 3, 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
 affiliation before and after
 marriage

6th Generation - ChildrenGrace Elizabeth

born Feb. 14, 1943
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church member, Evangelical
 Mennonite Brethren
 Occupation: Student

Lucille Marie

born Oct. 29, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church member: Evangelical
 Mennonite Brethren
 Occupation: Student

Larry Peter

born September 21, 1951
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationEdna Loewen

born Feb. 25, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Earlier belonged to the
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 later, Emmanuel Mission Church
 Married to William Kroeker Reimer
 on May 12, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 4, 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Clerk
 Earlier belonged to the
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 later, Emmanuel Mission Church

6th Generation - ChildrenGerald Peter

born Aug. 20, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Carol Anne

born Feb. 16, 1944
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church member: Emmanuel Mission Church
 Occupation: Student

Marilyn Jane

born June 18, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church member: Emmanuel Mission Church

William Charles

born Sept. 29, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Eleanor Joyce

born Sept. 7, 1955
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationGeorge Peter Loewen

born April 4, 1924

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: 1303 King Street,

Penticton, B. C., Canada

Occupation: Car dealer

Church affiliation before and

after marriage, Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren; now be-

longing to church in Penticton,

B. C.

Married to Margaret Emma Nichol

on Dec. 1, 1945

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born March 13, 1925

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Belonged to the Evangelical

United Brethren before marriage;

after marriage the Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren; now a

member of a church in Penticton,

B. C.

6th Generation - ChildrenJanet Ann

born April 22, 1947

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Member of Steinbach Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren; now a

church in Penticton, B. C.

Bryan Edward

born May 6, 1949

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Judith Margaret

born Jan. 28, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Gregory George

born May 6, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationHerman Loewen

born Aug. 28, 1925

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Garageman

Always has been a member of the

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Marian Doris Wiebe

on Sept. 7, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Sept. 1, 1930

at Vancouver, B. C. Canada

Always belonged to the

Evangelical Menn. Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenVicki

born May 17, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Deborah

born March 23, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Mary

born May 14, 1957

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Eric

born July 15, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Carol

born April 26, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationKatherine Frances Loewen

born Feb. 22, 1927

at Dallas, Oregon

Always has been a member of the

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Harvey Van Penner

on August 17, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 20, 1927

at Herbert Sask., Canada

Address: Chilliwack, B. C. Can.

Occupation: Teacher

Always has been a member of

the Evang. Mennonite Church

6th GenerationGwendolyn Kathleen

born August 23, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sandra Jane

born May 31, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sharon Anne

born May 1, 1959

at Chilliwack, B. C.

5th GenerationEileen Marie Loewen

born February 12, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: New Milford, Conn.

Married to George Fast

on May 22, 1947

at Niagara Falls, Ont., Canada

born November 14, 1928

at Chicago, Illinois

Occupation: Foreman, Kimberly

Clark

After marriage, Baptist

6th Generation - ChildrenKatherine Sharon

born Nov. 9, 1948

at Niagara Falls, Ontario

Michael

born June 13, 1953

at Niagara Falls, Ontario

Kelvin Richard

born November 9, 1958

at New Milford, Conn.

4th GenerationAbraham T. Loewen

born Sept. 2, 1893

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Undertaker

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Lena Ratzlaff

on March 8, 1916

at Jansen, Nebraska

born Sept. 2, 1890

at Jansen, Nebraska

died April 16, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of cancer

age: 46 years, 7 months, 14 days

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Elizabeth J. Loewen

on August 8, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born July 27, 1903

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Formerly,

Evangelical Mennonite Church;

later, Evang. Menn. Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenLevi

born April 16, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

David

born March 29, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Henry

born Sept. 18, 1920

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Evelyn

born June 14, 1922

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Matilda

born Feb. 25, 1925

at Jansen, Nebraska

Rachel

born Nov. 10, 1928

at Jansen, Nebraska

Robert

born Feb. 23, 1932

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Leslie

born April 22, 1934

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Glenn

born Aug. 20, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Raymond

born June 27, 1940

at Steinbach, Manitoba

LaVern

born July 12, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Waldemar

born Dec. 4, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationLevi Loewen

born April 16, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Toronto, Ontario

Occupation: Business Adminis-
trationChurch affiliation: Formerly,
Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
now, BaptistMarried to Elsie Zipec

on April 10, 1943

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Nov. 19, 1919

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,
Baptist6th Generation - ChildrenBeverley

born May 3, 1947

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Baptist

Carol

born Dec. 13, 1949

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Norma Jane

born Nov. 27, 1954

at Toronto, Ontario

4th GenerationDavid Loewen

born March 29, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Sales Manager

for C. T. Loewen, Millwork

Has always had his church
affiliation with the Evangel-
ical Mennonite BrethrenMarried to Alvina Toews

on August 16, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born June 11, 1920

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Her church affiliation has
always been with the Evan-
gelical Mennonite Brethren5th Generation - ChildrenRussel

born April 20, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation, The
Evangelical Mennonite
BrethrenOccupation: Bible School
StudentWayne

born Jan. 18, 1947

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sharon

born Oct. 28, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationHenry Loewen

born Sept. 18, 1920
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Hesston, Kansas
 Occupation: Accountant
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Evangelical Menn. Brethren;
 now, General Conf. Menn.
 Married to Edith Claassen
 on Oct. 6, 1950
 at Newton, Kansas
 born Aug. 18, 1913
 at Newton, Kansas
 Church affiliation: Always,
 General Conference Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenJane (adopted)

born May 4, 1953
 in Korea

Craig (adopted)

born Aug. 10, 1956
 in Korea

The parents both were with
 the Mennonite Central Commit-
 tee in Europe before marriage.

5th GenerationEvelyn Loewen

born June 14, 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Menn. Brethren;
 now, Mennonite Brethren
 Married to George Enns
 on Aug. 31, 1947
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Nov. 25, 1920
 in Russia
 Occupation: School Teacher
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenKenneth

born April 15, 1947
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Stanley

born Sept. 6, 1950
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Elenor

born May 31, 1959
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationMatilda Loewen

born Feb. 25, 1925
 at Janzen, Nebraska
 Address: Meade, Kansas
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Emmanuel Mission Church; now,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Jacob Hiebert
 born June 18, 1921
 in Manitoba
 married on Sept. 20, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Minister of the
 Gospel
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Bergtaler (Mennonite); now,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenJames Leroy

born Aug. 8, 1951
 at Stuartburn, Manitoba

Delores Colleen

born Jan. 28, 1953
 at Stuartburn, Manitoba

Marvin David

born March 30, 1954
 at Stuartburn, Manitoba

Lorne Dale

born Dec. 9, 1958
 at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

5th GenerationRachel Loewen

born Nov. 10, 1928
 at Jansen, Nebraska
 Address: Marion, South Dakota
 Church affil.: Formerly, Emman.
 Miss. Ch.; now, Evang. Menn. Ch.
 Married to John L. Reimer
 on July 8, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Oct. 1, 1926
 at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan
 Occupation: Minister of the
 Gospel
 Church affil.: Always,
Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenRachel Mary

born July 24, 1954
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cynthia Ruth

born April 24, 1957
 at Lustre, Montana

Rebecca Jane

born Dec. 20, 1961
 at Freeman, South Dakota

5th GenerationRobert Loewen

born Feb. 23, 1932

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Mortician

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Mary Schroeder

on July 11, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born May 28, 1931

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenGerald

born Mar. 22, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lois

born April 16, 1958

at Steinbach, Manitoba

James

born Feb. 4, 1963

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationRaymond Loewen

born June 27, 1940

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Mortician

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Anne Heinrichs

on Nov. 10, 1962

at Swift Current, Saskatchewan

born March 31, 1939

at McMahon, Saskatchewan

Church affiliation: Formerly,

General Conference Mennonite;

now, Evangelical Menn. Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenKenton Todd

born Nov. 28, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationWaldemar Loewen

born Dec. 4, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Student at present

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Free Church

Married to Gloria Hildebrandt

on Sept. 2, 1965

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Nov. 27, 1944

at Winkler, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Free Church

No children

4th Generation

Jacob Toews Loewen

born Sept. 14, 1895

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada

died Sept. 3, 1961

at Sioux Center, Minnesota

of a heart attack.

Age 65 years, 11 months, 20 days

Occupation: moving houses and
road building.

No church member at time of marriage; after marriage, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren.

Married to Margaret Friesen

on Jan. 1, 1919

at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Born Feb. 16, 1894

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada

No church member at marriage; after, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Present address: Steinbach,
Manitoba, Canada



Jacob Loewen sitting on his father's old Rumley. All around Steinbach heard that familiar "rump, rump, rump..." of the engine, plowing, threshing or road-making. Jake was the operator. He loved it.



A J.I. Case tractor demonstration on the C. B. Loewen's place just north of Steinbach. Note Andrew Blatz standing on the far right.

5th Generation - Children

Victor Nicolai

born Sept. 6, 1919

died on Sept. 10, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wilma Katherine

born Feb. 2, 1921

died March 6, 1922

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wilbert Cornelius

born Oct. 22, 1922

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Melvin Jake

born Dec. 9, 1925

at Steinbach, Manitoba

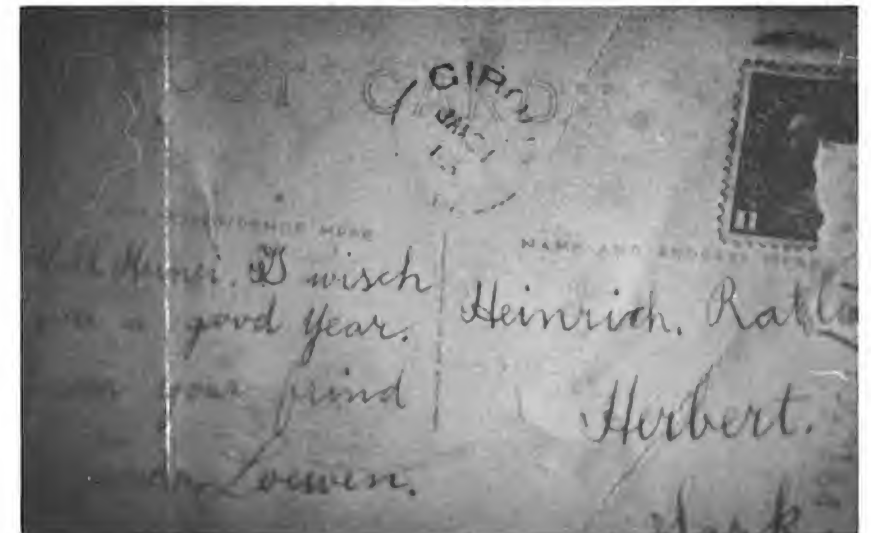
Verna Emmeline

born July 8, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba



Mrs. Loewen standing in front of her home in Steinbach in 1966. She has helped us much with the book.



This is the reverse side of the top picture. It is a card Jacob Loewen wrote to his cousin, Henry Ratzlaff, at Herbert, Sask., on January 21, 1913. Jacob wrote: "Hello Henri. I wish you a good year. From your frind, Jacob Loewen"

5th GenerationCornelius Wilbert Loewen

born Oct. 22, 1922

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Bible School director
and E.M.B. pastor

Before and after marriage

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Katherine Ruth Neu-
feldt on Sept. 4, 1950

at Morden, Manitoba, Canada

born March 25, 1925

at Dominion City, Manitoba,
Canada

was Mennonite Brethren; now,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Profession: Teacher

6th Generation - ChildrenElizabeth Ruth

born June 6, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada

Victor Neil Philip

born Oct. 4, 1952

at Island Falls, Man., Canada

Louis Mary Ann

born March 13, 1956

at Lincoln, Nebraska

Christopher Joseph

born July 4, 1959

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Richard Peter

born Oct. 24, 1961

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Katherine Linda May

born May 2, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationMelvin Jacob Loewen

born on December 9, 1925

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Present address: Leopoldville,
Congo, AfricaWas a church member of the
Emmanuel Mission Church;

now a member of the

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Occupation: Professor - Mis-
sionaryMarried to: Elfrieda Ruth Regier
on August 26, 1949

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Born June 21, 1923

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Always was a member of the
Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
in Mountain Lake, Minnesota

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Address:

C. W. Loewen
Box 1617
Steinbach
Man.

Mary Ann

Kay

Lynda Mae

Ruth

Chris

Wilbert

Ricky

Phil

6th Generation - ChildrenJacob Gerard Loewen

born on April 12, 1951

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Church member: E.M.B.

Barbara Jannerin

born Nov. 25, 1952

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Margaret Joy

born July 11, 1954

at Steinbach, Manitoba

John David

born on Dec. 10, 1957

at Charlesville, Congo

James Melvin

born April 4, 1959

at Charlesville, Congo

Elizabeth Jane

born Feb. 1965

at Steinbach, Manitoba,
Canada

Dr. Melvin Loewen, surrounded by his wife, mother, children and other members of family, smiles and waves to cameramen and reporters who were on hand to meet him Friday at Winnipeg International Airport.

Congo Rescue Story Holds Large Audience Breathless



Scarcely able to relax because of the glare of publicity, the Melvin Loewen family was at least breathing the air of freedom at home in Steinbach this week after their four-month ordeal in the Congo. Left to right in photo are: James 5, Margaret 10, Mrs. Loewen, Gerry 13, Mr. Loewen, John David 6, and Barbara 11.

A moving story of bloodshed, courage, and the constant presence of death held a capacity audience spellbound for an hour-and-a-half in Steinbach's E.M.B Church Sunday night.

It was home-coming night for Dr. Melvin C. Loewen, officially the dean of the erstwhile Protestant University at Stanleyville in the Congo. But Sunday night the university dean was just the hometown boy again, telling his friends and his own people all about the whole blood-curdling adventure.

You could hear the rustle of a dress or coat, so great was the silence as Mr. Loewen described the tense hours just before their rescue when his life and that of his wife and children hung by a mere thread.

There was absolute attention as Mr. Loewen, using his considerable gift for mimicry, drummed on the top of the pulpit and did a "simba" war dance in imitation of the fanatic rebels who believed no power could stop them.

There were quiet sighs as he paid glowing tribute to the "unbelievable coolness and courage" of the mercenary troops who fought their way right through the city to rescue the Loewens and one other family from the centre of the rebel-held sector.

"It's not popular to praise South Africa on account of its apartheid policies—but it was a white South African, mercenary, Major Hoare—one of the coolest men I ever saw—who got us Mennonites out"

"After four months I had no courage left, but to see those white troops fan out in the face of deadly machine gun fire and clear the streets and runways to save our lives, was one of the most encouraging sights I ever saw".

"We acknowledge our indebtedness to the hundreds of soldiers who died trying to save us. We acknowledge our indebtedness to the foreign affairs departments of the Canadian, Belgian, US and British governments.

"We are very touched by the thousands of dollars spent and the stupendous efforts put forth just to save a few missionaries' lives

"And we give public recognition to God who answered our prayers and those of thousands of others who prayed for us".

The speaker recounted the whole story of the past four months beginning on Tuesday, Aug 4 when they first heard shooting in the distance. "We didn't think much of it because we had lived with shooting in the Congo for years now and were used to the sound of guns going off in the distance. But this time it was different. The workmen seemed to be excited. They said the rebels were coming close and they were going to take the town.

Bush Rebels Defeated Army

"We said 'Oh don't worry. A few rebels from the bush aren't going to take a city like Stanleyville'. We had three Army camps with well - equipped troops. The government of the Congo was behind us. We were very encouraged with the trend toward education.

"The city had three new universities, the State University, the Catholic and now we were building the Protestant University. It was to be the climax of 70 years of Protestant missionary effort in the Congo.

"When we went there 12 years ago the highest educational level was Grade 6. We had seen it gradually rise and now there were people ready for university. We had the support of the local, national and foreign governments. They had donated buildings and land and money. We were working and building with a bright future ahead of us. We

just couldn't believe that a few half-naked rebels out of the bush could destroy all this. But they did.

"That night there was a severe battle. In the morning I talked to Mike Hoyt, the U S Consul who told me it was pretty serious and that it looked as though they'd take the town. I still didn't take it too seriously and took my boy with me in the car and we drove downtown. Suddenly there were two sharp rifle reports right close to the car. I realized we had just been missed by two bullets and turned around and drove back. I know now that we were foolish to go down there but didn't realize it at the moment.

Bodies Lay In The Streets

"Next day when we ventured out we saw several bodies in the streets and there was shooting all day. We had a cement block house which was pretty good protection against bullets but we kept the children lying on the floor and turned on our tape recorder to get the sound of the shooting on it.

"On Friday morning the Stanleyville radio came on and the announcer told us that the city had been taken over by the "liberators" and that everyone was to go back to work as usual. There was nothing to worry about and they particularly wanted the foreigners to stay. We know now that this is typical of Communist infiltration everywhere.

"When we went back to work Saturday some of our workmen had caught the theme and there was talk of liquidating political opposition. There was a mass rally held in front of the Lumumba monument to proclaim the new rebel mayor and they used

it as an occasion to hold a public execution. Those executed in front of the eyes of the people were former politicians from the opposing side, some Congolese Army soldiers and a few thieves. It reminded us of the crucifixion.

"Gradually they put the pressure on us. Guards came round to our house with guns and asked us if we had any cars we wanted them to protect. Many of them were just young kids with guns. They stole almost all the university and private cars of all the professional people in Stanleyville. We'd be out walking, foraging for a bit of food and they'd drive by with our car, wave at us, and fire a couple of shots in the air and laugh and toot the horn.

"There was more and more repression—but always the same speeches on the radio, speeches about liberation. Once they had liberated our cars the thought began to gnaw at our minds how long we'd have food. We had all kinds of courage at first but gradually it wore away. Using a bicycle we managed to collect

a bit of rice and some sardines and store in various parts of the house, so that if they found one supply, we'd still have a bit.

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Missionary Dies In Prison

"Rebel Headquarters sent out word to arrest all mercenaries, but the commander at a village about 200 miles away misunderstood the word to mean missionaries. He arrested Bill Stolton, a good friend of ours. He was sick when arrested and they threw him in prison. The next day he was dead and the rebels said he committed suicide. It later appeared that he had been suffering from cerebral malaria and had died with it in the jail because he had no medical assistance.

"The government had given us a number of old apartment buildings to fix up for university use. We had worked on them for months, spent about \$30,000 and had the plumbing and everything just about in shape to start classes. Now we got a letter telling us we had 48 hours to evacuate these buildings so the rebels could use them to set up a national central government office there.

"It was Saturday and we had

no workers, but with the help of some Pax boys we managed to save a few fridges and hide them. We used an old truck which they hadn't stolen from us. We got out a few articles when the rebels found out what we were doing and gave strict orders that all the furniture was to be left in the buildings.

Witch Doctors Helped Rebels

"The depression and discouragement deepened. We began to see how they had been able to conquer this whole city. They had the witch doctors and their fetishes on their side and underneath the people still believe very strongly in these things.

"They had literally scared the Congolese Army out of the city and the rebels with their fetishes, spears and arrows had routed the soldiers with their modern weapons. Sometimes it was hard to choose between the Army and the rebels. When the Army ran away they stole some of the missionaries' cars to help them to move faster. There was a lot of cowardice and corruption in the Congolese Army but on the whole there was more freedom under them.

"Then Premier Tshombe began to hire mercenaries who rallied

the beaten army and gave them experienced strong leadership. One by one they won back the lost towns as the rebels lost battle after battle. That's when the rebels started to put the pressure on us.

"When they lost the last town before Stanleyville, the rebels went into a panic. They kept coming to our house, checking our passports. They had heard that the Belgians and Americans were behind the new Congolese Army and they turned their anger on Belgians and US citizens. I hid my wife's US passport and just showed my Canadian one.

Colonel Didn't Know Geography

"The colonel in charge of the whole rebel army in Stanleyville came to our house one day and when he looked at my passport he said, "Canada. Where's that?" Another rebel nearby said, "That's in South America". The colonel waved and said, "All right, let them go". At that point I wasn't going to start teaching any geography.

"Two U S Pax boys who had lived in our house were sent to prison with Dr. Carlson. They were the ones who were ordered to eat the American flag.

"The situation brought Protestant and Catholic missionaries close together in prison and we got a much different outlook on each others' beliefs as we saw the genuineness of the faith.

"The 'simbas' as the young rebels called themselves were always searching our house under the pretext of looking for radio-sending equipment or evidence of sabotage. One of them found an old Khaki war-surplus army canteen which we used for water and some of them assumed from this that we were American mercenary soldiers. We had to talk pretty hard to explain how foolish this was.

"Touching Solidarity" In Face of Death

"When they heard about the mercenaries being only 100 miles away they began to get pretty excited and decided to put all the Belgian people in the city in one of the old army camps. These people were put in there without any food. They began to starve and it was partly due to the help of Greek traders in the city who organized a field kitchen to supply them, that their lives were saved. There was a solidarity among the whole white community that was touching to see.

"Then came the news that Paul Carlson had been tried and condemned. It turned out it was all radio propaganda and even Carlson himself didn't know anything about it. Actually he was only shot by accident as he was running away from some machine gun bullets when they were shooting into the crowd of hostages in front of the Lumumba monument. This monument was a sort of sacrificial altar where prisoners were executed.

Paratroops Arrive Ordeal Begins

"On Nov. 24, promptly at 6 a.m. the planes came over in very tight formation. They dropped 64 paratroops on the first pass and had 300 of them on the ground inside the first 10 minutes. It was remarkable to see that kind of efficiency after all the chaos we had been through.

"We knew the paratroops were in the city, but we were at least three miles from the airport in an isolated part of the city and completely surrounded by rebels who occupied all the buildings along the whole street and all the adjacent streets.

"At 10 a.m. we called up some friends—everyone was still in doubt as to what would happen. The rebels meanwhile had some 400 hostages sitting on the sidewalk down town near the Lumumba monument. Suddenly some

4th Generation

Katharina Loewen

born Sept. 5, 1899

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Belonging to the Evangelical

Mennonite Church before and

after marriage.

Married to Jacob Henry Wiebe

Reimer on Sept. 30, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Dec. 9, 1893

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Clerk and salesman

Belonging to the Evangelical

Mennonite Church before and

after marriage.

5th Generation - Children

Ruben

born Sept. 13, 1918

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Nov. 23, 1918

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Henry

born May 29, 1931

adopted June 21, 1931

born at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Died May 24, 1950 of a car

accident at Winnipeg, Man.

Member of the Evangelical

Mennonite Church at Steinbach,

Manitoba

5th Generation

Emmeline Verna Loewen

born July 8, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Address: Kingston, Ont., Can.

Occupation: Representing

Inter Varsity Fellowship

Was Evangelical Menn. Brethren

now Congregational

Married to George Clark Bush

on Aug. 12, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

born Oct. 18, 1930

at Kitchener, Ontario, Can.

Occupation: Professor of

Mathematics at Kingston

University, Kingston, Ont.

Before marriage Congregational

and after marriage Congregational

6th Generation - Children

Peter George

born May 7, 1962

at Kingston, Ontario

3rd GenerationKatharina Reimer Toews

born July 13, 1866

in Russia

died January 16, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of pneumonia

Age: 72 years, 6 months, 3 days

Church affil.: Always,

Kleingemeinde

Married to Cornelius PlettKroeker on April 1, 1884

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada

born June 27, 1862

in Russia

died Sept. 6, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Age: 80 years, 2 months, 9 days

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always,

Kleingemeinde

Peter

born Dec. 30, 1894

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Dec. 19, 1953

at Lorette, Manitoba

Abraham

born Nov. 12, 1896

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Oct. 4, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elizabeth

born Sept. 5, 1898

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anna

born Nov. 26, 1900

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Heinrich

born Nov. 5, 1902

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Klaas

born Sept. 4, 1904

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Johan

born August 8, 1906

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sarah

born March 29, 1909

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th Generation - ChildrenKatharina

born Oct. 20, 1890

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Kleingemeinde

(Mennonite)

Margaretha

born Jan. 10, 1885

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cornelius

born Jan. 8, 1888

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Nov. 16, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Franz

born Dec. 21, 1892

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died June 24, 1928

at Lorette, Manitoba



Katharina Toews Kroeker and Cornelius Plett Kroeker

Katharina was 16 and Peter, my father, was 10 when their father died in 1882. From then on these two did most of the work on the farm. My father often told us children how he and his sister went to work in the field with oxen. He related experiences and hardships of those pioneer days that we know nothing about today.

Mrs. Kroeker had a positive outlook of life. Instead of looking at the dark side of her experiences she would look at the light side and pair it with stark realities and make the inconsistencies loom up as "funny." Uncle Abraham had the same quality. Often relief was found for the soul when viewing that which hurt that way. In us children and young people she left the desire to consider life as aunt Katharine did.

Cornelius Kroeker was a quiet and systematic man. His homestead was at the south end of town and all of Steinbach's present suburban area in the south was his farm. He was a progressive man and at an early time had a steam threshing outfit which did many of the threshing jobs in the community. His house and other farm buildings at the south end of town were for a long time the best built and painted in town. It was quite logical that our grandmother had her house built in their yard to live there the rest of her days.

4th Generation

Margaretha Toews Kroeker
 born Jan. 10, 1885
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church)
 Married to Isaak Wiebe Reimer
 on Nov. 22, 1903
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 17, 1882
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died
 at Steinbach Home for Aged
 of
 Age:
 Occupation: Farmer and Custodian
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church)

5th Generation - Children

Katharina
 born Aug. 20, 1904
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died March 16, 1909
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaretha
 born March 19, 1906
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Cornelius
 born Feb. 22, 1908
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Sept. 5, 1958
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Maria
 born March 27, 1910
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Esther
 born May 27, 1911
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bernhard
 born Oct. 2, 1912
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 4, 1953
 at Ashland, Wisconsin

Katharina
 born Aug. 20, 1914
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wilhelm
 born Jan. 4, 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Helena
 born Nov. 20, 1917
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Johan
 born Feb. 18, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Erdman
 born Feb. 11, 1921
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Martha
 born July 25, 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Levi
 born Feb. 26, 1924
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Isaak
 born Jan. 23, 1926
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Jan. 31, 1926
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Linda
 born April 18, 1927
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elma
 born Jan. 26, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Margaret Kroeker Reimer
 born March 19, 1906
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Frank Dueck Kroeker
 on Nov. 9, 1924
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 15, 1901
 at Clear Springs, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Clarence
 born Jan. 6, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elda
 born May 28, 1930
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Profession: Missionary
 Church affiliation: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

Albert
 born April 4, 1934
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Shirley Margaret (adopted)
 born March 8, 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th Generation

Clarence Kroeker
 born Jan. 6, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Truck Driver
 Church affil.: Always,
 Evangelical Menn. Church
 Married to Agnes Siemens
 on Aug. 12, 1952
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born May 24, 1934
 at Gruenfeld, Russia
 Church affiliation:
 Evangelical Menn. Church

7th Generation - Children

Beverley Anne
 born Jan. 1, 1954
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wayne Allen
 born July 25, 1955
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Gerald Albert
 born Oct. 30, 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Clarence Aldon
 born Aug. 8, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Barbara Alice
 born Nov. 6, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationAlbert Kroeker

born April 4, 1934
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Construction Worker
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Tina Klassen
 on February , 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born March 18, 1939
 near Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

7th Generation - ChildrenJoanne Marie

born Sept. 6, 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sheryl Anne

born Jan. 3, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Brian Albert

born July 4, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Kenneth Frank

born May 25, 1966
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th GenerationShirley Margaret Kroeker

born March 8, 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Address: Vancouver, B. C.
 Profession: Bank Teller
 Church affiliation: Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Peter Rempel
 on
 at
 born
 at
 Occupation: Parts Clerk in
 a Garage
 Church affiliation: Evangelical Mennonite Church

5th GenerationCornelius Kroeker Reimer

born Feb. 22, 1908
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Sept. 5, 1958
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Age 50 years, 6 months, 8 days
 Died of an accident
 Occupation: Building Contractor
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Krimmer Mennonite Brethren;
 later, Evangelical Mennonite
 Brethren
 Married to Mabel H. Friesen
 on in 1932
 at Garden City, Kansas
 born Feb. 29, 1912
 at Meade, Kansas
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Krimmer Mennonite Brethren;
 later, Evangelical Menn. Breth.;
 now, Emmanuel Mission Church
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation - ChildrenEdgar

born May 1, 1933
 at Garden City, Kansas

Harold

born June 9, 1934
 at Garden City, Kansas

Adeline Grace

born April 20, 1936
 at Garden City, Kansas
 is at home
 belongs to Emmanuel Mission Ch.

Alvina Margaret

born March 2, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Jim C.

born July 21, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Stanley Jones

born July 2, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died March 18, 1942
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Virginia

born Feb. 13, 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession: Teaching
 Church affiliation:
 Emmanuel Mission Church

Lois Janet

born April 26, 1946
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession: Office work
 Church affil.: Emmanuel
 Mission Church

Marlene Martha

born Nov. 7, 1947
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession: Office work
 Church affil.: Emmanuel
 Mission Church

Randell Dean

born June 21, 1950
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Student at present

Joyce

Jan. 24, 1952
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Student at present

6th GenerationEdgar Reimer

born May 1, 1933
 at Garden City, Kansas
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: School Teacher
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 now, Evangelical Free Church
 Married to Margaret Gertrude
Sobering
 on July 11, 1957
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 18, 1933
 at Winkler, Manitoba
 Profession: Teacher
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Free Church

7th Generation - ChildrenBruce Edgar

born April 13, 1958
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Richard Byron

born Feb. 8, 1960
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Kenneth Andrew

born Feb. 12, 1965
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th GenerationHarold Reimer

born June 9, 1934
 at Garden City, Kansas
 Address: Yarrow, B. C.
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 now, not known
 Married to Johannah Heinrichs
 on Sept. 14, 1957
 in British Columbia, Canada
 born Feb. 29, 1936
 at
 Church affiliation: None given

7th Generation - ChildrenJamie Bradley

born Sept. , 1958
 at Clear Brook, B. C.

Angela

born March , 1962
 at Yarrow, B. C.

6th GenerationAlvina Margaret Reimer

born March 2, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Calgary, Alberta
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 now, Christian and Missionary
 Alliance
 Married to Ike Klassen
 on Sept. 7, 1957
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born July 9, 1934
 at Lowe Farm, Manitoba
 Occupation: Plasterer
 Church affil.: Formerly, none;
 now, Christian and Missionary
 Alliance

7th Generation - ChildrenPerry Blake

born March 19, 1959
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Avril Sherry

born May 14, 1961
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

O. Kent

born June 16, 1963
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th GenerationJim Reimer

born July 21, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Car Salesman
 Church affiliation: Evangel-
 ical Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Yvonne Joyal
 on Jan. 5, 1963
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Dec. 3, 1942
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: None

7th Generation - ChildrenJimmy

born Sept. 26, 1963
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Gregory

born Nov. 20, 1964
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Mary Kroeker Reimer
 born March 27, 1910
 at Steinbach, Man.
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Church affiliation: Always
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Peter Reimer Loewen
 on
 at Steinbach, Man.
 born November 26, 1907
 at Blumenort, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Lorraine Rose
 born Feb. 1, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Edmer Peter
 born Feb. 5, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Gladwin Lawrence
 born March 10, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

Lorraine Rose Loewen
 born Feb. 1, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Profession:
 Church affiliation: EMC
 Married to Wesley Loewen
 on March 30, 1956
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 1, 1937
 at Steinbach, Man.
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation: EMC

7th Generation - Children

Travis Wayne
 born May 25, 1965
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 (adopted)

6th Generation

Edmer Peter Loewen
 born Feb. 5, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Man.
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation: EMC
 Married to Helen Klassen
 on August 8, 1963
 at Altona, Manitoba
 born Feb. 20, 1944
 at Altona, Manitoba
 Profession:
 Church affiliation: EMC

7th Generation - Children

No children

6th Generation

Gladwin Lawrence Loewen
 born March 10, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Tina Giesbrecht
 on October 26, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born January 20, 1943
 at Steinbach, Man.
 Profession:
 Church affiliation: Chortizer
 (Mennonite)

7th Generation - Children

Iris Mae
 born March 19, 1966
 at Steinbach, Man.

5th Generation

Esther Kroeker Reimer
 born May 27, 1911
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: St. Catharines, Ont.
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to John Dueck Kroeker
 on May 20, 1932
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born June 12, 1906
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Eldon Raymond
 born June 4, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Laverna Joan
 born Dec. 1, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Eileen Margaret
 born Feb. 21, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Mennonite
 Brethren

Sylvia
 born Feb. 19, 1954
 at St. Catharines, Ont.

6th Generation

Eldon Raymond Kroeker
 born June 4, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 299 Pelkam Road
 St. Catharines, Ont.
 Occupation:
 Church affil.: Calvary Church
 Married to Helen Phyllis Baerg
 on July 10, 1956
 at St. Catharines, Ont.
 born Jan. 10, 1936
 at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
 Profession: Seamstress
 Church affiliation: Calvary Ch.

7th Generation - Children

Richard Elden
 born June 8, 1957
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

Ronald James
 born June 1, 1958
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

Carolyn Ruth
 born April 11, 1963
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

Robert David
 born Feb. 5, 1965
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

6th Generation

Laverna Joan Kroeker
 born Dec. 1, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Hillsboro, Kansas
 Occupation: Instructor
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Jacob David Braun
 on August 22, 1964
 at St. Catharines, Ontario
 born May 17, 1941
 at Arnaud, Manitoba
 Occupation: College Instructor
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

No children

5th Generation

Bernard Kroeker Reimer
 born Oct. 2, 1912
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 4, 1953
 at Ashland, Wisconsin
 of heart attack
 Age: 41 years, 2 days
 Occupation: Transportation
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Susan Bergen
 on Oct. 16, 1937
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born April 9, 1907
 at Altona, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Sommerfelder
 Mennonite; now, none

6th Generation - Children

Alden Bruce
 born Jan. 31, 1939
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Brian Douglas
 born Feb. 18, 1941
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Thomas Wayne
 born Aug. 11, 1947
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Student at present
 Church affiliation: Protestant

Margaret Bernadine
 born May 2, 1949
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Student at present
 Church affiliation: Protestant

6th GenerationAlden Bruce Reimer

born Jan. 31, 1939

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Address: New Zealand

Occupation: Department of

Transport-Air Traffic

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Protestant; now, none

Married to Marlene Gemmel

on July 26, 1958

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born May 9, 1938

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Protestant

at first; now, none

7th Generation - ChildrenKrista Lynette

born May 11, 1959

at Metz, France

Brian William

born April 6, 1961

at Metz, France

died April 10, 1961

at Metz, France

Karin Leslie

born May 9, 1962

at Metz, France

Douglas Wayne

born Oct. 13, 1964

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th GenerationBrian Douglas Reimer

born Feb. 18, 1941

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Address: Fort William, Ontario

Occupation: Sales Manager

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Protestant; now, none.

Married to Noel Sylvia Wing

on May 7, 1960

at Victoria, British Columbia

born Nov. 16, 1942

at Vancouver, British Columbia

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Protestant; now, none.

7th Generation - ChildrenSuzanne Leah

born Sept. 22, 1960

at Victoria, B. C.

5th GenerationKatherine Reimer

born Sept. 20, 1914

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Hesperia, California

Church affiliation: None

Married to William Selby Fordham

on Nov. 20, 1933

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Nov. 8, 1914

in Manitoba, Canada

Occupation: Grain Elevator Man.

Church affiliation: None

Separated in 1944

Married to John Krentz

on Nov. 23, 1947

at

born Nov. 17, 1904

in Russia

Occupation: Barber

Church affiliation: None

5th GenerationWilliam Kroeker Reimer

born Jan. 4, 1916

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Clerk and depart-

mental manager

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Evangelical Menn. Brethren;

now, Emmanuel Mission Church

Married to Edna Loewen

on May 12, 1940

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Feb. 25, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Evangelical Menn. Brethren;

now, Emmanuel Mission Church

6th Generation - ChildrenGerald Peter

born Aug. 20, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Carol Anne

born Feb. 16, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Student

Church affiliation: Emmanuel

Mission Church

Marilyn Jane

born June 18, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Emmanuel

Mission Church

William Charles

born Sept. 29, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Eleanor Joyce

born Sept. 7, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Helena K. Reimer
 born Nov. 20, 1917
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 (This is all the information we have.)

5th Generation

John K. Reimer
 born Feb. 18, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Meade, Kansas
 Occupation: Minister of the Gospel
 Church affil.: Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Leona Ruth Reimer
 on Oct. 8, 1945
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Sept. 15, 1925
 at Isle des Chenes, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

David John
 born March 30, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Samuel Wayne
 born May 26, 1949
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lucille Marie
 born July 25, 1953
 at Norquay, Saskatchewan

Rodney Peter
 born Oct. 15, 1955
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Arvella Ruth
 born August 24, 1958
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Erdman Kroeker Reimer
 born Feb. 11, 1921
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 165 Portland
 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Church affiliation: Before marriage, none; after marriage, Lutheran
 Married to Elsie Wonneck
 on May 10, 1947
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born May 30, 1927
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always
 Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Donald Arthur
 born Dec. 22, 1948
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

Lorne Douglas
 born May 20, 1952
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

Barry John
 born Dec. 31, 1956
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Lutheran
Wendy Lynn
 born Sept. 1, 1958
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

5th Generation

Martha Kroeker Reimer
 born July 25, 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Oak Lake, Manitoba
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to George Kornelsen Schellenberg
 on Aug. 8, 1952
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Sept. 7, 1912
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Ronald Bruce
 born March 29, 1955
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Judith Dianne
 born May 27, 1958
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bradley George
 born May 15, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationLevi Reimer

born Feb. 26, 1924

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Bad Gnadenheim,
Germany

Occupation: Missionary

Church affil.: Emmanuel

Miss. Church, Steinbach, Man.

Married to Elizabeth Schmidt

on Nov. 1, 1953

at Tuttlingen, Germany

born June 23, 1924

at Tab, Hungary

Profession: Missionary

Church affil.: Formerly,

Baptist; now, Emmanuel Miss.

Church at Steinbach, Man.

6th Generation - ChildrenTimothy James

born April 5, 1955

at Stuttgart, Germany

Tabea Priscilla

born March 17, 1960

at Bad Gandersheim, Germany

Daniel Bruce

born May 6, 1964

at Bad Gandersheim, Germany



"I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT
SENT ME, WHILE IT IS DAY:



The Reimers have been in charge of the work in BAD GANDERSHEIM since its small beginning in 1958. A full church program is carried on with children's meetings, youth meetings, Bible classes, and regular Sunday services. The chapel already had to be enlarged three times. Recently room was made to house 12 foster children above the chapel. Even this was not sufficient to take care of the ever increasing number of children that needed a home. Then the Lord wonderfully provided a house in DASSEL where we can house the overflow for the time being till the Lord opens another door closer to Bad Gandersheim.

Through different evangelistic efforts like tent meetings, open-air-meetings, crusades, etc., the work has branched out into other areas where now services are held. However, there are still many towns to be reached with the Gospel. It is believed that less than 5% of the people attend church. The need is great and the time is short. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send more workers.



On this picture you see a few of the brands plucked from the burning. We call them JEWELS FOR HIS GLORY. What joy to hear them singing and praying after they accepted the Lord. All of heaven must be rejoicing over this new song in their hearts.

5th GenerationLinda Reimer

born April 18, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Ormiston, Sask.

Church affil.: Formerly,

none; now, Baptist

Married to Hilson Tremere

on July 23, 1963

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born April 18, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly,

United Church of Canada; now,

Baptist

Freies Evangelisches Missionswerk

„Quelle des Lebens“

OUR COMMISSION:



BAD GANDERSHEIM
Church work and Children's Home

5th GenerationAlma Kroeker Reimer

born Jan. 26, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: McAuley, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Albert ToewsWiebe

on Oct. 1, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Mar. 31, 1927

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly

none; now Evangelical Men-

nonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenAlan Ross

born May 21, 1957

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Laureen Joy

born April 21, 1959

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Randolph Peter and RichardJames (twins)

born July 7, 1962

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Marcia Joan

born Oct. 23, 1963

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th GenerationCornelius Toews Kroeker

born Jan. 8, 1888

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Nov. 16, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of blood clot

Age: 72 years, 10 months,

8 days

Occupation: Oil Truck Driver

Church affil.: Kleingemeinde

Married to Judith Wiebe

on July 16, 1912

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Sept. 25, 1888

at Alt Bergthal, Manitoba

Died May 12, 1957

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of a heart attack

Age: 69 years, 7 months,

17 days

Church affil.: Kleingemeinde

5th Generation - ChildrenJacob

born June 19, 1913

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Aaron

born Jan. 3, 1915

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Isaac

born Oct. 1, 1916

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Sept. 10, 1964 at Stein-

bach, of heart attack

Was oil salesman

Cornelius

born July 17, 1918

at Steinbach, Manitoba

George

born Nov. 30, 1920

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Levyna

born Sept. 15, 1922

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Sergeant in

Salvation Army

Church affil.: Salvation

Army

Judith

born June 19, 1924

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Registered Nurse

Angelina

born June 16, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

John

born Aug. 8, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationJacob W. Kroeker

born June 19, 1913

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Custodian

Church affiliation: United

Church of Canada

Married to Elizabeth Friesen

on Sept. 27, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Sept. 8, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: United Church

of Canada

6th Generation - ChildrenRoselyn Grace

born Oct. 17, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ronald James

born April 6, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Marlene Elizabeth

Jan. 2, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Doris Marjorie

born Aug. 23, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th GenerationRoselyn Grace Kroeker

born Oct. 17, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: None given

Married to Edward Heckert

on Aug. 22, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born April 23, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: None given

7th Generation - ChildrenAntonette Grace

born July 15, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Phylles Dianne

born Aug. 24, 1961

at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

Marlene Elizabeth Kroeker
 born Jan. 3, 1943
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: None given
 Married to Erwin Freund
 on Dec. 3, 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born April 11, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation:
 Church affil.: Always, Lutheran

7th Generation - Children

Terry Dale
 born April 7, 1961
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Debbie Lynn
 born Feb. 22, 1963
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

6th Generation

Doris Marjorie Kroeker
 born Aug. 23, 1944
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: United
 Church of Canada
 Married to Henry Klassen
 on Aug. 24, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Dec. 15, 1947
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Body work
 Church affiliation: United
 Church of Canada

No children

5th Generation

Aron Wiebe Kroeker
 born Aug. 3, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Church affiliation: The United
 Church of Canada
 Married to Agatha Friesen
 on Nov. 10, 1936
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Nov. 21, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church membership: United
 Church of Canada

6th Generation - Children

George
 born March 22, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Josephine
 born Jan. 26, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation

George Friesen Kroeker
 born March 22, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address:
 Occupation: Checking up on
 government lands in Northern
 Manitoba
 Church affil.; None given
 Married to Nellie Barchefsky
 on Aug. , 1962
 at
 born Dec. 26, 1936
 at
 Church membership: Greek
 Catholic

7th Generation - Children

Gordon
 born Sept. , 1964
 at

6th Generation

Josephine Agatha Kroeker
 born Jan. 26, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address:
 Church affiliation:
 Married to Rudi Kuffner
 on Jan. , 1959
 at
 born
 at
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:

7th Generation - Children

Cindy
 born Aug. 6, 1960
 at
Steven
 born July 29, 1961
 at

5th Generation

Cornelius W. Kroeker
 born July 17, 1918
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: New Westminster,
 B. C., Canada
 Occupation: Papermill Worker
 Church affiliation:
 Married to Margareth Hix
 on
 at
 born
 at Saskatchewan
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Jeani
 born Sept. 12, 1951
 at Powell River, B. C.

Richard
 born Nov. 22, 1952
 at Powell River, B. C.

Robert
 born on Jan. 29, 1961
 at New Westminster, B. C.,
 Canada

5th Generation

George Kroeker
born Nov. 30, 1920
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Nester Falls.
Occupation: Freezer Plant
Operator
Church affiliation: United
Church of Canada
Married to Annie Rempel
on _____, 1954
at Kenora, Ontario
born Jan. 4, 1927
at Kenora, Ontario
Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Darrel
born Sept. _____, 1956
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Earl James
born July 25, 1961
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lori-Anne
born Feb. 23, 1965
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Angelina Kroeker
born June 16, 1927
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Kenville, Manitoba
Church affiliation: Always,
United Church of Canada
Married to Allan Doat
on July 5, 1950
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
born Oct. 30, 1917
at Kenville, Manitoba
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Always,
United Church of Canada

6th Generation - Children

John Melvin Allan
born May 24, 1951
at Kenville, Manitoba

Judith Margaret
born June 22, 1952
at Kenville, Manitoba

Rita May
born May 4, 1955
at Kenville, Manitoba

Richard
born Dec. 10, 1957
at Kenville, Manitoba

5th Generation

John W. Kroeker
born Aug. 8, 1930
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Ottawa, Canada
Occupation: Actuary
Church affiliation: Catholic
Married to Irene
on January _____
at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
born Dec. _____, 1930
in New Brunswick, Canada
Church affil.:

6th Generation - Children

Richard
born Nov. _____, 1955
at Ottawa, Ontario

Stephen
born Oct. _____, 1956
at Ottawa, Ontario

Susan
born Oct. _____, 1957
at Ottawa, Ontario

Paul
born Dec. _____, 1959
at Ottawa, Ontario

David
born Jan. _____, 1960
at Ottawa, Ontario

Kathryn
born March 3, 1964
at Ottawa, Ontario

Anne Margaret
born March 16, 1965
at Ottawa, Ontario

4th Generation

Franz Toews Kroeker
born Dec. 21, 1892
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died June 24, 1928
at Lorette, Manitoba
of heart attack
Age: 35 years, 6 months, 3 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Always,
Kleingemeinde (E.M.C.)
Married to Maria Loewen Reimer
on Oct. 31, 1915
at Blumenort, Manitoba
born June 15, 1895
at Blumenort, Manitoba
died Dec. 30, 1961
at Steinbach, Manitoba
of cancer
Age: 65 years, 6 months,
15 days
Church affil.: Formerly, Klein-
gemeinde; later, Emmanuel
Mission Church

5th Generation - Children

<u>Walter</u> born Oct. 15, 1916 at Blumenort, Man.	<u>Olga</u> born Aug. 11, 1924 at Lorette, Man.
<u>Margaret</u> born Oct. 15, 1918 at Steinbach, Man.	<u>Helen</u> born Feb. 12, 1926 at Lor- ette, Man.
<u>Katie</u> born Oct. 22, 1920 at Lorette, Man.	<u>Elizabeth</u> born Feb. 3, 1928 at Lor- ette, Man. died Apr. 4, 1957 at Steinbach, Man.
<u>Linda</u> born Dec. 9, 1922 at Lorette, Man. died May 5, 1924 at Lorette, Man. of whooping cough	

5th Generation

Walter Reimer Kroeker
 born Oct. 15, 1916
 at Blumenort, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: Always,
 Evang. Mennonite Church
 Married to Kathrine Koop Plett
 on May 25, 1941
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Oct. 7, 1914
 at Twin Creek, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evang. Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Peter Allen
 born March 23, 1942
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Laura Belle
 born Oct. 16, 1943
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Carol Ruth
 born Oct. 12, 1947
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Andrea Susan
 born Sept. 3, 1952
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Betty Lou Jean
 born Oct. 13, 1957
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

5th Generation

Margaret Reimer Kroeker
 born March 15, 1918
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Cornelius Penner Plett
 on June 25, 1939
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Jan. 10, 1918
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Marina Linda
 born April 17, 1942
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Raymond Cornie
 born July 31, 1944
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affiliation: Evan-
 gelical Mennonite Church

Viola Margaret
 born Jan. 25, 1946
 at Lorette, Manitoba

Lloyd George
 born April 3, 1947
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Gladys Doreen
 born Nov. 15, 1948
 at Lorette, Manitoba

6th Generation

Marina Kroeker Plett
 born April 1942
 at Steimbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Prairie Rose Evang. Menn. Ch.;
 now, Winnipeg, Evangelical
 Mennonite Church
 Married to Benjamin Klassen Wiëbe
 on June 6, 1959
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Sept. 17, 1940
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Prairie Rose Evang. Menn. Ch.;
 now, Winnipeg Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

7th Generation - Children

Kevin Benny
 born April 1, 1960
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Jacquiline Marina
 born Jan. 14, 1963
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Karen Gale
 born April 22, 1951
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Grant LeRoy
 born May 13, 1954
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dayton Dale
 born Jan. 8, 1956
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Richard Mark
 born Feb. 28, 1960
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

6th Generation

Viola Kroeker Plett
 born Jan. 25, 1946
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Landmark, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Winston Reimer
Penner
 on March 28, 1964
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Dec. 7, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Teacher
 Church affiliation: Always the
 Prairie Rose Evangelical Menno-
 nite Church

7th Generation - Children

Marjorie Lucille
 born Jan. 1965
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Katie Reimer Kroeker
 born Oct. 22, 1920
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Landmark, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Edwin Koop Barkman
 on June 9, 1940
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born April 14, 1918
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Evelyn Kathrine
 born Feb. 10, 1942
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Frank Leonard
 born July 21, 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sharon Rose
 born Feb. 27, 1946
 at Chilliwack, B. C.

Edwin John
 born March 23, 1949
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Kenneth Walter
 born Jan. 29, 1951
 at Birch River, Manitoba

Wilma Joan
 born March 16, 1953
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Judith Irene
 born July 2, 1954
 at Ste. Anne, Man.

Roy David
 born Dec. 21, 1956
 at Ste. Anne, Man.

James Dennis
 born Jan. 18, 1959
 at Ste. Anne, Man.

Tamera Lynn
 born Sept. 3, 1962
 at Winnipeg, Man.

Terrence Mark
 born May 10, 1965
 at Steinbach, Man.

5th Generation

Olga Reimer Kroeker
 born Aug. 11, 1924
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Menisino, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Kleinge-
 meinde (Evangelical Mennonite
 Church) and Emmanuel Mission Church
 Married to Jacob Loewen Giesbrecht
 on May 13, 1945
 at Prairie Rose E. M. Church,
 Lorette, Manitoba
 born August 23, 1913
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer and Minister
 of the Gospel
 Church affiliation: Kleingemeinde
 (Evangelical Mennonite Church) and
 Emmanuel Mission Church

6th Generation - Children

Lorraine
 born April 13, 1946
 at

Reginald
 born April 19, 1947
 at

Daniel
 born August 14, 1949
 at

(Baby) stillborn
 born Feb. 7, 1951
 at

Gerald Dwayne
 born July 30, 1952
 at Vita, Manitoba

Timothy Charles
 born Nov. 29, 1953
 at Vita, Manitoba

Marilyn Kay
 born Feb. 21, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationHelen Reimer Kroeker

born Feb. 12, 1926

at Lorette, Manitoba

Address: Lorette, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite Brethren; later,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Martin Penner Plett
on Sept. 6, 1952

at Lorette, Manitoba

born Oct. 7, 1922

at Lorette, Manitoba

Occupation: Laborer

Church affiliation: Always
the Prairie Rose Evangelical
Mennonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenJeffrey Myron

born Nov. 19, 1956

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Christa Lavonne (adopted)

born July 20, 1965

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationElizabeth Reimer Kroeker

born Feb. 3, 1928

at Lorette, Manitoba

died April 4, 1957

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of a blood clot

Age: 29 years, 2 months, 1 day

Profession: Missionary to
BrazilChurch affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite Brethren; later, Evan-
gelical Mennonite ChurchMarried to Henry Unger Loewen

on Sept. 18, 1949

at Lorette, Manitoba

born July 9, 1927

at Twin Creek, Manitoba

Occupation: Missionary

Address: Manaus, Brazil

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Evangelical Mennonite Church;
now, Emmanuel Mission Church

6th Generation - ChildrenAudrey Rose

born July 18, 1950

at Foute Springs, California

Velma Joanne

born March 12, 1952

at Belem, Brazil

Mary Arlene

born Sept. 8, 1953

at Anapolis Goias, Brazil

Henry James

born Dec. 20, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationPeter Toews Kroeker

born Dec. 30, 1894

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Dec. 19, 1953

at Lorette, Manitoba

of cancer

Age: 58 years, 11 months, 19 days

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Menno-
nite Church)Married to Louise Lehmann Reimer
on June 24, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born July 11, 1895

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Menno-
nite Church)

5th Generation - ChildrenEdwin

born 7, 1920

at Lorette, Manitoba

Anna

born Dec. 12, 1922

at Lorette, Manitoba

Profession: X-Ray Technician

Church affil.: Evangelical
Mennonite ChurchArno

born May 23, 1924

at Lorette, Manitoba

Norman

born Feb. 16, 1928

at Lorette, Manitoba

Vernon

born March 22, 1931

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Malene

born May 23, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elvira

born March 28, 1940

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Edwin Reimer Kroeker
 born June 7, 1920
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Tina Goertzen Gies-
brecht on July 11, 1943
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Aug. 1, 1921
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Timothy Joan
 born Aug. 31, 1947
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Student at present
 Church affiliation: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

Richard Wayne
 born June 10, 1952
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Mary Lynne Louise and
Theresa Gayle Carolyn (twins)
 born March 21, 1957
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Arno Kroeker
 born May 23, 1924
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Trucker
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Elnora Penner
 on June 14, 1947
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born April 26, 1927
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - Children

Allan
 born June 13, 1949
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Norma Rose
 born July 19, 1952
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Denver Glenn
 born Oct. 17, 1955
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Marlene Mae
 born Dec. 2, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Norman Reimer Kroeker
 born Feb. 16, 1928
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Landmark, Manitoba
 Occupation: Merchant
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Sara Giesbrecht
 on June 25, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born June 2, 1929
 at Morris, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Breth-
 ren; now, Evang. Menn. Ch.

6th Generation - Children

Patricia Joan
 born Aug. 8, 1953
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Lavern Carol
 born May 14, 1958
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Gorden Peter
 born June 11, 1961
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Heather Louise
 born Oct. 20, 1965
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Vernon Reimer Kroeker
 born March 22, 1931
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Construction
 Worker
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Gertrude Braun
 on July 3, 1954
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born June 10, 1935
 at Barkfield, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Roy Vernon
 born May 27, 1955
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Marvin Gordon
 born June 1, 1956
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Eldon Bruce
 born April 16, 1959
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Rhonda Dolores
 born July 10, 1960
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Gerald Brian
 born July 14, 1961
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Calvin James
 born July 17, 1962
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationMalene Reimer Kroeker

born May 23, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Peter Wall Guenther
 on June 5, 1954
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Aug. 10, 1931
 at Nieder-Chortiza, Russia
 Occupation: Plasterer and Min-
 ister of the Gospel
 Church affiliation: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenPeter Arthur

born Sept. 13, 1955
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

John Alfred

born Oct. 4, 1956
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

David Allan

born Oct. 2, 1959
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Philip Adrian

born July 13, 1962
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Edward Andrew

born Feb. 26, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationAbraham T. Kroeker

born Nov. 12, 1896
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Oct. 4, 1933
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 of appendix
 Age: 36 years, 11 months,
 23 days
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affil.: Kleingemeinde
 (Evangelical Menn. Church)
 Married to Eva Lehmann Reimer
 on Oct. 8, 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Aug. 3, 1902
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Dec. 4, 1965
 at Kenora, Ontario
 of cancer
 Age: 63 years, 4 months, 1 day
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church); later, Evan-
 gelical Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenAlvin

born 1925 (Sept.)
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died 1925
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Linda Marie (adopted)

born May 29, 1930
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationLinda Marie Kroeker

born May 29, 1930
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Address: Calgary, Alberta
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Edwin Harold Regehr
 on Sept. 16, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 7, 1927
 at Winton, California
 Occupation: Salesman
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenEdwin James

born July 15, 1952
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Clinton Earl

born March 21, 1955
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Kathleen Marie

born June 15, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationElizabeth Toews Kroeker

born Sept. 5, 1898
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Cornelius Abram
Plett on June 13, 1920
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born July 27, 1896
 at Giroux, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

5th Generation - ChildrenMinna

born Nov. 5, 1921
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Church Affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

Benjamin

born Oct. 19, 1923
 at Lorette, Manitoba

Abram

born June 30, 1925
 at Lorette, Manitoba

Alvin

born May 31, 1927
 at Lorette, Manitoba

Elsie

born Oct. 5, 1929
 at Lorette, Manitoba

Leonard

born June 7, 1932
 at Lorette, Manitoba

Tina

born April 17, 1935
 at Lorette, Manitoba

5th Generation

Benjamin K. Plett
 born Oct. 10, 1923
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Elma Peters
 on July 3, 1949
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Jan. 8, 1925
 at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Larry
 born Aug. 15, 1950
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Marvin
 born Feb. 27, 1954
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 20, 1955
 at Lorette, Manitoba

Loraine Cynthia
 born Jan. , 1958
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Valorie Katherine
 born June 7, 1960
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Abram C. Plett
 born June 30, 1925
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Agathe Goerzen
 on June 26, 1948
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Sept. 17, 1924
 at South Hampton, England
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 General Conference Mennonite;
 now, Evangelical Menn. Church

6th Generation - Children

Shirley
 born Sept. 18, 1949
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church member of the
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

Randolph Abe
 born July 25, 1956
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Alvin Kroeker Plett
 born May 31, 1927
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Katie Guenther
Barman on Sept. 11, 1949
 at Prairie Rose, Manitoba
 born Sept. 10, 1929
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Kenneth
 born July 18, 1950
 in Manitoba, Canada

Arlene
 born Oct. 6, 1953
 in Manitoba, Canada

Waldon
 born April 20, 1959
 in Manitoba, Canada

5th Generation

Elsie K. Plett
 born Oct. 5, 1929
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to John G. Reimer
 on March 28, 1950
 at Lorette, Manitoba
 born Sept. 25, 1927
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Teaching
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - Children

Dennis
 born July 17, 1951
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Gerald
 born Sept. 22, 1952
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Audrey Elizabeth
 born May 22, 1955
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Allan John
 born March 26, 1957
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Ronald Wayne
 born Dec. 10, 1958
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Eileen Lois
 born Oct. 11, 1961
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

David Glenn
 born March 26, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Leonard K. Plett
born June 7, 1932
at Lorette, Manitoba
Address: Lorette, Man.
Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Menn. Church
Married to Elfrieda
Reimer on June 18,
1954 at Steinbach,
Manitoba
born Dec. 19, 1934
at Winnipeg, Man.
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Menn. Church

6th Generation - Children

Corallee Anna
born April 23, 1956
at Winnipeg, Man.

Robert John
born Nov. 24, 1960
at Steinbach, Man.

Curtis Mark
born Oct. 11, 1963
at Steinbach, Man.

5th Generation

Tina Plett
born April 17, 1935
at Lorette, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Menn. Church
Married to Peter K.
Wiebe on Sept. 11, 1954
at Prairie Rose, Man.
born Sept. 24, 1932
at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
Occupation: Salesman
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Menn. Church

6th Generation - Children

Joan Vivian
born Oct. 20, 1955
at Winnipeg, Man.

Gordon Peter
born Feb. 26, 1959
at Steinbach, Man.

Myron Paul
born Nov. 1, 1963
at Steinbach, Man.

4th Generation

Anna Toews Kroeker
born Nov. 26, 1900
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evang.
Mennonite Church)
Married to Peter Henry
Reimer on Feb. 12, 1922
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born April 14, 1901
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Retired Farmer
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evang.
Mennonite Church)

5th Generation - Children

Victor
born Nov. 24, 1922
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Evelyn
born Dec. 20, 1924
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Katherine
born Nov. 24, 1927
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ann-Marie
born May 30, 1930
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lorna-Margaret
born Nov. 21, 1934
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Victor Reimer
born Nov. 24, 1922
at Steinbach, Man.
Address: Winnipeg, Man.
Occupation: Insurance
Church affil.: Always,
Bergthaler (Mennonite)
Married to Helena Ber-
gen Toews on August 22,
1948 at Altona, Man.
born Nov. 2, 1927
at Altona, Manitoba
Church affil.: Always,
Bergthaler (Mennonite)

6th Generation - Children

Shannon Margaret
born July 19, 1952
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
Student at present

Valarie Joy
born Dec. 27, 1953
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Bradley Peter
born July 26, 1957
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Evelyn Reimer
born Nov. 20, 1924
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Profession: Reg. Nurse
Church affil.: Formerly,
none; now, United Church
of Canada
Married to Bernhard
Doerksen on April 2, 1948
at Vancouver, B. C.
born August 20, 1924
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Supt. of
Waterworks at Steinbach,
Manitoba
Church affil.: Formerly,
none; now, United Church
of Canada

6th Generation - Children

Beverly Anne
born Nov. 22, 1948
at Bralorne, B. C.
Student at present
Church affil.: United
Church of Canada

Joan Myra
born Oct. 28, 1951
at Chilliwack, B. C.
Student at present
Church affil.: United
Church of Canada

5th GenerationKatherine Reimer

born June 23, 1924
at Steinbach, Man.
Address: Pine River,
Man.

Ch. affil.: Formerly,
Kleingemeinde (Evang.
Menn. Ch.); now, none
given

Married to Joseph
Seminick on Oct. 30,
1948 at Vancouver, B.C.
born June 23, 1924
at Pine River, Man.

Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Formerly,
Greek Catholic; now,
none

6th Generation -
ChildrenDarlene Jose

born May 12, 1949
at Winnipeg, Man.
Student at present

Deborah Jane

born Dec. 17, 1950
at Pine River, Man.
Student at present

Lawrence Kenneth

born Sept. 12, 1956
at Pine River, Man.

Kelvin Joseph

born March 24, 1964
at Pine River, Man.

5th GenerationAnn-Marie Reimer

born May 30, 1930
at Steinbach, Man.
Address: Whitemouth,
Man.

Church affil.: None
Married to Edmund
Nightingale on April
21, 1951 married

at Steinbach, Man.
born Oct. 24, 1924
in Russia
Occupation: Barber
Church affil.: None

6th Generation -
ChildrenCandace Lynn

born Feb. 13, 1953
at Winnipeg, Man.

David Edmund

born March 1, 1955
at Winnipeg, Man.

Dwight Anthony

born Nov. 15, 1956
at Winnipeg, Man.

James Isaac

born Feb. 14, 1958
at Winnipeg, Man.

Andrea Marie

born May 24, 1963
at Winnipeg, Man.

5th GenerationLorna Margaret Reimer

born Nov. 21, 1934
at Steinbach, Man.
Address: Toronto, Can.
Church affil.: None

Married to Morton Ross
on July 8, 1956
at Toronto, Ontario
born

at Toronto, Canada
Occupation: Musician -
Composer
Church affil.: None

6th Generation -
ChildrenLaura Lee

born May 2, 1957
at Toronto, Ontario

Aron David

born April 1, 1963
at Toronto, Ontario

The Henry T. Kroeker Family
Back row: Gordon and his wife
and Arthur and his wife
Front row: Helen, Mother,
Father and Doris and
Grandchildren

4th GenerationHenry Toews Kroeker

born Nov. 5, 1902
at Steinbach, Man.
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Occupation: Farmer and
Mechanic

Ch. affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (E.M.C.)
Married to Margaret
Wiebe Reimer

on July 15, 1928
at Steinbach, Man.
born June 10, 1902
at Steinbach, Man.
Ch. affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde (E.M.C.)

5th Generation -
ChildrenArthur Harold

born Sept. 28, 1929
at Steinbach, Man.

Gordon Henry

born March 14, 1933
at Steinbach, Man.

Helen Joan

born Sept. 5, 1939
at Steinbach, Man.

Doris Anne

born March 27, 1946
at Steinbach, Man.



This is a picture of a little
sewingbasket used by Katharina
Toews Kroeker. The picture was
taken in front of Henry Kroeker's
house. For Henry (son) and his
wife Margaret (Reimer) this is
a prized heirloom. Henry has
part of his father's farm on the
south side of town.



Margaret Kroeker (Reimer)

died of cancer in the Steinbach hospital on May 1, 1967. She reached an age of 64 years, 10 months and 21 days.

At the age of 20 she was baptized by Elder Jacob Dueck and received into the Kleingemeinde Church. She was married to Henry Kroeker on July 15, 1928 in the Kleingemeinde Church with the Elder Peter P. Reimer officiating. They lived in happy matrimony for 38 years and almost 10 months.

Mrs. Kroeker was sick for about a year. During this time she was home about 3½ months. She died in the Steinbach hospital. Her children live in Winnipeg, Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska and one daughter is at home with the father.

The Kroekers have spent several winters in Phoenix, Arizona, due to Mr. Kroeker's health. Not long before Mrs. Kroeker became ill we had a letter from her telling us about their stay there and accommodating for the night Mrs. Toews' sister, Miss Agnes Wiebe, who died the following night in an Albuquerque hotel.

Margaret loved her home and family very dearly. She related to us with tears some of her most heartfelt experiences. Will heaven have a special place for those saintly mothers?

5th GenerationArthur Harold Kroeker

born Sept. 28, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Manager of Finance
CompanyChurch affiliation: Evangelical
MennoniteMarried to Romalda MargaretReimer on Feb. 9, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born May 6, 1931

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Evangelical
Mennonite6th Generation - ChildrenTimothy John

born Dec. 21, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Allan James

born Dec. 31, 1954

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lori Tayne

born Oct. 29, 1957

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Brent Arthur

born July 24, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationGordon Henry Kroeker

born March 14, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Lincoln, Nebraska

Occupation: Road Construction

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Evangelical Menn. Brethren;

now, Evangelical Free Church

Married to Norma May Brandt

on Aug. 6, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Oct. 11, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Evangelical Menn. Brethren;

now, Evangelical Free Church

6th Generation - ChildrenLois Joy

born July 5, 1956

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Michael Jared

born Aug. 6, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Carla Joan

born Sept. 10, 1961

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationHelen Joan Kroeker

born Sept. 5, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Lincoln, Nebraska

Profession: Stenographer

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Evangelical Menn. Church;

now, none

Married to Ralph Crago

on Aug. 7, 1964

at Lincoln, Nebraska

born May 9, 1929

at Farmer City, Illinois

Occupation: Insurance

Church affiliation: None

No children

4th GenerationKlass Toews Kroeker

born Sept. 4, 1904

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Sugar Beet Fieldman

Church affiliation: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Married to Eva Toews Penner

on Sept. 19, 1926

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 22, 1907

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

5th Generation - ChildrenElaine

born Sept. 21, 1932

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation

Elaine Elizabeth Kroeker
 born Sept. 21, 1932
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Bethesda Menn.
 Married to Vernon Peters
 on July 5, 1952
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Aug. 30, 1926
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: School Teacher
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Mennonite Brethren; now,
 Bethesda Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Dale
 born April 15, 1954
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Jenifer Jane
 born Jan. 16, 1959
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Timothy
 born Aug. 17, 1963
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th Generation

John T. Kroeker
 born August 8, 1906
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Lorette, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Evang.
 Mennonite Ch. (Kleingemeinde)
 Married to Adeline Giesbrecht
 on Nov. 25, 1934
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born May 22, 1913
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church)

5th Generation - Children

John Warren
 born March 6, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Evangel-
 ical Mennonite Church

Karen Phyllis
 born Oct. 28, 1944
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Joanne Margaret
 born May 1, 1946
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Profession: Bank Teller
 Church affiliation: Evangel-
 ical Mennonite Church

4th Generation

Sara T. Kroeker
 born March 29, 1909
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Conference)
 Married to John K. Barkman
 on Sept. 13, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Sept. 21, 1905
 at Ile de Chene, Manitoba
 Occupation: Postal Clerk
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Church

5th Generation - Children

Marlene Mathilda
 born Feb. 20, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Kenneth John
 born Sept. 14, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Social Work
 Church affiliation: Evangel-
 ical Mennonite Church

Richard Allan
 born Nov. 18, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Draftsman

5th Generation

Marlene Mathilda Barkman
 born Feb. 20, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Milton Peter Penner
 on Feb. 3, 1956
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Oct. 5, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Trucker
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Douglas Peter and Allan John
 (twins)
 born Nov. 4, 1956
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Milton Keith
 born May 25, 1958
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationKenneth John Barkman

born Sept. 14, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Goshen, Indiana

Occupation: Student and
Voluntary ServiceChurch affil.: Evangelical
Mennonite ChurchMarried to Karen Kay Harder

on Dec. 30, 1966

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
born

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affil.: First Menno-
nite Church, Mountain Lake

Kenneth Barkman, a senior at Goshen College (U.S.A.) has been granted a scholarship for pre-medical students. Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Barkman.



This is Kenneth's car with which he toured a good part of Europe. It still has the foreign license plate. The picture was taken in Steinbach, Manitoba at his home. From here Kenneth went to study at Goshen College, Indiana

Barkman-Harder

The marriage of Karen Kay Harder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Harder, and Kenneth J. Barkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Barkman of Steinbach, Man., took place Dec. 30 in the First Mennonite church. The Rev. Alvin D. Kleinsasser performed the double ring ceremony.

Charles Harder of Mt. Lake, was organist and Ralph Friesen of Bingham Lake, was soloist. Mr. Friesen sang "Wedding Prayer" by Dunlap and "O Saviour Hear Me" by Gluck. "Come Thou Almighty King" was used as the congregational hymn.

The bride chose a floor length gown of white tissue velvet styled with a detachable train. Her elbow length veil was held by a velvet band, and she carried a winter garden bouquet with white roses.

Anne Bergen of New York, was maid of honor and Elizabeth Schroeder of Goshen, Ind., was bridesmaid. They wore floor length gowns of red satin, with matching circle headpieces,

and each carried a single long stemmed white rose.

The grooms attendants were Richard Barkman Calgary, Ont. and Gordon Dveck of Steinbach. Ushers were Stan Weaver of Goshen, and Jake Harder, brother of the bride. The candles were lighted by Douglas and Allen Penner of Steinbach, twin nephews of the groom.

A reception with 200 guests in attendance was held in the church basement following the ceremony. The guests were registered by Mrs. Vernon Goering of Wichita, Kansas, a sister of the bride.

The newlyweds are now making their home in Goshen, Ind., where both attend Goshen College. The groom, who is majoring in social work, will graduate this June.

Mrs. Barkman is a graduate of Mt. Lake high school and Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Winnipeg, Man. She is working at an Elkhart, Ind. hospital. The groom graduated from Steinbach High School and Bible College. He also spent four years in volunteer service in Jordan.



3rd GenerationPeter Reimer Toews

born Jan. 1, 1872

in Kleefeld, Russia

died on Sept. 21, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of encephalomyelitis

(sleeping sickness)

Age 81 years, 8 months, 20 days

Occupation: Farmer and miller

Church affil.: Always, Klein-

gemeinde (Evangelical Menno-

nite Church)

Married to Elizabeth Rempel

on Sept. 16, 1894

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Nov. 20, 1875

at Waldheim, Russia

died July 28, 1925

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of cancer

Age: 49 years, 8 months, 5 days

Church affil.: Always, Klein-

gemeinde (Evangelical Menno-

nite Church)

Married to Anna Penner

on March 28, 1926

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 15, 1886

at Schoenwiese, Russland (Russia)

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Formerly,

Schoenwieser Mennonite; later,

Kleingemeinde (Evangelical

Mennonite Church)

4th Generation - ChildrenPeter

born Sept. 28, 1895

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Heinrich

born July 28, 1897

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Abraham

born Feb. 13, 1899

at Steinbach, Manitoba

(author of this book)

Margaretha (Reimer, Epp)

born Feb. 17, 1901

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elizabeth (Neufeld)

born Dec. 29, 1902

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Feb. 14, 1949 at Steinbach, Man.

Katharina (Wiebe)

born March 13, 1905

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bernhard

born Feb. 3, 1907

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died March 13, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anna (Dueck)

born March 2, 1909

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Johan

born Oct. 6, 1910

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Maria (Wiebe)

born April 1, 1912

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Esther (Roberts)

born Jan. 18, 1914

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Helena (Unruh)

born Oct. 20, 1915

at Steinbach, Manitoba

David

born Nov. 30, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Children of the second
marriage, Anna PennerLinda (Peters)

born July 29, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ernst

born Sept. 9, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba

**PETER R. TOEWS BECOMES
CHAMPION ELBOW PULLER**

The favorite game in this country seems to be that of elbow pulling. In this contest, two men each set their elbow, hand up, on the table, then grip each other's hand, to find out who is stronger by trying to push the other's arm down. The game is being played particularly in the lumber camps to while away the long evenings.

Last week word got back to the settlement that Tom Carleton, long the undisputed elbow pulling champion in and around the lumbercamps, had found his match.

According to the report, there had been a tourney of elbow pulling around camp and Tom had been "on top" every time — until he came to a quiet young man by the name of Peter R. Toews.

Not only did Toews push back Tom's elbow on the first try, but he thumped big Tom's hand on the table several times as well.



Peter Toews in the nursing home shortly before his decease.



When Peter Toews was a young man



The Peter Toews farm, a mile east of Steinbach



My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Toews. The milk that was to be taken to the cheese factory got sour.



When our mother died we children clung to our father. Here dad repairs the granary while the children and the dog give him company. Margaret (Mrs. Epp) my oldest sister, supervised the household.



Young people on the home place in 1924

The home place during the first years. My mother loved flowers.



To the left are our parents, Peter Reimer Toews and Elizabeth Rempel Toews. Both came from Russia; Father in 1874, and Mother in 1886. During his first years father was the miller in the Steinbach flour mill. In 1910 he moved with his rapidly increasing family to his farm a mile east of town. His son, John Toews, still lives on it. The family grew up there. Being east of town we boys had several connections with the young people of Clearsprings and Giroux.

Our parents were quite religious; Dad was a conservative and Mother an evangelical. Mother's father was a teacher and so were 4 of his 5 sons. Dad was the "precentor" in the Kleingemeinde church, Mom was the natural singer. Two of her brothers were choir leaders. We boys did not like to go to church as early as Dad did. Wonderful parents.

A Diary of a Trip Made by Peter R. Toews from Steinbach, Manitoba, to Salem, Oregon, in 1898.

(Dad wrote this diary in German and I, A. P. Toews, translated and edited it. The portions in brackets are my own.)

We (this includes my father, F.G. and P.T. whose full names I could not determine; very likely Frank Goossen and Peter T. Barkman, both from Steinbach) left Steinbach (most likely quite early with horses for Giroux, 8 miles away, there to take the C.N.R. train for Winnipeg) and arrived in Winnipeg at 9:30 a.m. (This is a distance of about 35 miles.)

In Winnipeg we had dinner (noon) at Peter W. Reimers (a family that had moved from Steinbach to Winnipeg) which cost 15¢.

Immediately after dinner we went to the C.P.R. station to find out about our train leaving for the south and making connections with the train going to the West Coast. We were told that our train was due to leave at 1:08, leaving us 23 minutes to buy our tickets and run back to Reimers for our baggage.

Trying to make it, I (Peter Toews) and P.T. ran back for our suitcases and F.G. bought the tickets. P.T. had exerted himself too much and did not feel very good for a while (dad always was a good runner). To our pleasant surprise, the return fare to Portland, Oregon, had been reduced from \$25.00 to \$15.00. From Portland to Sheridan, Oregon (about 10 miles from Salt Creek where my father's uncle Abram lived) was an additional \$2.00.

We had very little time to get our baggage and tickets and just made it. (I can just see how two most frugal Mennonite peasants would beat it down the street at top speed to take advantage of the price for tickets to Portland for that price.) Our train went straight south to Detroit (Lakes), Minnesota, where we arrived at 12 noon. Here we took a room in the Minnesota Hotel which cost \$1.00. The next day, April 19, we bought whisky for 50¢ and left on the westbound train at 8 p.m.

The country west of Detroit was very dry but now it rained a little (apparently nothing worth mentioning happened all day). Next day, April 20, we crossed the Missouri River (at Bismark, North Dakota) and set back our watches one hour.

At Gladstone, North Dakota, we saw coal mines and much poor land (indications are that dad was impressed by the large pieces of land still available for settlement. Later he was interested in buying railroad land offered in North Dakota and Montana but did not do so because he did not want to move alone). West of Gladstone we got into the mountains. After passing through several smaller tunnels we went through one at 5 p.m. that took 2 minutes (the exact timing indicates that the first such experiences, as always, made their greatest impact).

The next day, April 21, we got into higher mountains and our train had to have 3 locomotives. At 30 minutes after (here dad forgot the hour) we passed a lake and crossed it on a ferry which took 4 minutes (this most likely was at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho).

The following night we crossed the Columbia River and soon got into the Rocky Mountains. We went through large forests before we got to Spokane (I think he means Seattle) at 5:10 a.m. Here we left at 6:50 a.m. (stayed about 2 hours) and crossed the Columbia River again on a steamboat and got into Portland at 12 noon.

We left Portland at 4:30 p.m. for Sheridan, Oregon. The ticket was \$2.00. We took a room in the hotel in Sheridan which cost us 50¢. This was on April 23, 5 days after leaving Winnipeg (he makes no mention of arriving at Salt Creek and his stay there with his uncle Abram. I suppose too many interests and distractions kept him from making entries in his diary.)

About his return trip dad writes: We left Salem, Oregon (about 15 miles from Salt Creek), on May 5 at 8 a.m. and got to Portland at 10:20 a.m. and left again at 2:05 p.m. We went through 2 tunnels and passed a waterfall coming out of the mountains, making 2 drops of 250 feet each (perhaps the Bridal Falls). After that we passed through another tunnel. On May 6 at 7:45 a.m. we got to Spokane where we had to change to a Great Northern train. It rained. Left Spokane at 10 a.m. We went through 3 tunnels and got into Grand Forks at 7:45 a.m., May 7. At 9 a.m. we left for Winnipeg where we arrived at $\frac{1}{2}$ of (?), again leaves out the hour). In Winnipeg we waited until May 9 (2 days) for an opportunity to go to Steinbach (most likely by team straight to Steinbach). (Dad left Steinbach on April 18 and got to Portland on April 22, stayed in Oregon until May 4 (about 12 days) and got back to Winnipeg on May 9, a total of 19 days.



This picture was taken in front of the Peter R. Toews home at Steinbach, Manitoba. The occasion was the coming to America of 4 Warkentin children out of Communist Russia in 1924.

Children sitting on the ground:

Peter Rempel, Rev. H. S. Rempel's son, killed by a train on Aug. 1, 1930 at Winkler, Manitoba. John Toews, Peter Toews' son and now living on the home place. Helena Toews, daughter of P. R. Toews, now Mrs. Ger. Unruh, Winnipeg. Esther Toews, daughter of P. R. Toews, now Mrs. Roberts, Winnipeg. Orlando Rempel, son of P. S. Rempel, Steinbach. Anna Rempel, daughter of P. S. Rempel, now Mrs. Peter Peters, Steinbach. Rosalind Rempel, daughter of P. S. Rempel, now Mrs. Kliever, Steinbach. Amanda Rempel, daughter of B. S. Rempel, now deceased as Mrs. Wiebe, Reedley, California. Maria Toews, daughter of P. R. Toews, now Mrs. Joe Wiebe, Morden, Manitoba. David Toews, son of P. R. Toews, now of Minneapolis. The two children at the end I don't know.

Adults sitting in the second row:

Mr. and Rev. Henry S. Rempel, Mrs. Rempel deceased in Winnipeg on April 8, 1930. Rev. Rempel still living in Saskatoon, Sask. My parents, Peter R. Toews, my father having on his lap his oldest grandson, Arnold Toews, now of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Bern Warkentin, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, now both deceased. My Grandfather Heinrich Rempel, deceased March 3, 1926 in Steinbach. Mr. and Mrs. G. Fast, now both deceased in Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

Standing at the back

Anna Toews, daughter of P. R. Toews, now residing at Ste. Catharines, Ontario as Mrs. Frank Dueck. Mr. and Mrs. Bern Rempel, Mr. Rempel deceased at Reedley, California and Mrs. Rempel is now in the Dinuba, California nursing home. Behind the Bern Rempels stand the Peter S. Rempels, both deceased in Steinbach, Manitoba. Mrs. Peter Toews, Minneapolis, her husband is now in the Anoka, Minnesota nursing home with a stroke; he took the picture. Elizabeth Toews, daughter of P. R. Toews, deceased as Mrs. Peter Neufeldt, Steinbach. Mr. Henry Warkentin, came from Russia in 1924, now in Ontario. Warkentin - Mrs. Warkentin, B. C. Katharina Toews, daughter Anna of Peter Toews, now Mrs. Ben Wiebe, an invalid since brain surgery, Steinbach, Manitoba. Katie Warkentin, now Mrs. Peter Buhr, Ontario, Canada. Peter J. B. Reimer, now a minister at Rosenort, Manitoba. Abraham J. B. Reimer and Mrs. Abraham J. B. Reimer, Margaretha Toews, now Mrs. Jacob Epp Reimer deceased at Steinbach.

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Peter R. Toews with his second wife, Maria Penner



Pictures taken in a Winnipeg park when the Peter Toews family got together in connection with the making of the Peter Toews family record for this book.

Picture #1 - Sons of Peter Toews: Peter, Minneapolis; Abraham, St. Louis; Henry, Saskatoon; John, Steinbach; Not on the picture are: Ben, deceased; David, Minneapolis; Ernest, Steinbach.

4th Generation

Peter Peter Toews

born Sept. 28, 1895

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Address: 7400 Lyric Lane,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Occupation: Industrial Painting

Kleingemeinde, Elim Chapel -

non-denominational, and Gen.

Conference Mennonite

Married to Katharine Reimer

on August 10, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

born Nov. 18, 1899

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Kleingemeinde, Elim Chapel -

non-denominational and Gen.

Conference Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

Arnold

born June 22, 1920

at Giroux, Manitoba, Can.

Alvin

born April 7, 1928

at Giroux, Manitoba, Can.

Gordon

born June 18, 1930

at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



- #1 - Family
- #2 - Apartment
- #3 - Office in factory
- #4 - Pete on 70th birthday

#1

5th Generation

Arnold Reimer Toews

born June 22, 1920

at Giroux, Manitoba, Can.

Address: 7461 Lyric Lane,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation: Industrial painting

Before and after marriage,

Baptist

Married to Sylvia Linderholm

on June 10, 1944

at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

born Oct. 16, 1922,

at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

Before and after marriage,

Baptist



Above - Arnold and Sylvia
Below - Arnold's home

6th Generation - Children

Bonnie Lynn

born Nov. 8, 1946

at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

Occupation: Bank clerk

Church member: Baptist

Randall Evan

born June 10, 1951

at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.



Randall Evan



Arnold, his mother and Alvin eating lunch in their plant. Peter, the father of the boys took the picture. The plant is located on the Great Northern in northern Minneapolis. David Toews, Peter's brother also works in this place



The following poem was written by
Bonnie Lynn Toews when she was 17.

Another

It may be just a look;
A passing glance.
It may be just a minute,
Seconds that are soon forgotten in the day.
Or it could be words,
Just one thought that would soon be lost
Amid the pages of time.

A look, a smile, a gesture,
They seem so insignificant;
Yet all are rich in meaning.
Together they are a part of life,
A part of which we are not ashamed.

For only in the seconds and single thoughts
Do we forget ourselves and think of another.

Bonnie Lynn is 19 years and graduated 2 years ago from High School. One of her most treasured awards was being chosen as the most outstanding girl in the graduating class. She now has had one year at Bethel College in St. Paul. She has been active in dramatics for quite a few years and last summer was chosen to go on tour with the Bethel Royal Players. They put on the play "Conquest in Burma" and were well received in Kansas City, New Orleans, Miami and many other cities. She is working this summer with the intention of going back to college next fall.

Randy is 14 and in grade IX. He plays the bass horn in the school band, is a "B" student and interested in sports.

Both children love the Lord and are seeking to know His will for their lives. We as a family truly have a lot to praise God for. Our fellowship together and with the Lord is precious. We belong to Spring Lake Park Baptist Church, a Christ-centered church having an active church program. We participate in this program, help with the boys and girls work, both sing in the choir; Arne has been assistant treasurer and I've helped in Mission Circle.

Glenn is all "boy" and a very busy three-year-old. He has a sunny and happy disposition. Kay (mom) and Al (pappa) are very active in church. Al sings in a quartet and choir and is the vice-chairman of the church. Kay is a leader in "Pioneer Girls" and has been a Sunday School teacher for a long time. We are a happy family and love the Lord!

5th Generation

Alvan Warren Toews

born April 7, 1928

at Giroux, Manitoba, Can.

Address: 8770 Tamarack St.,
N.W. Minneapolis 55433, Minn.

Occupation: Industrial painting

Before marriage, Mennonite

Brethren; later, Baptist

Married to Katharina Lois

Penner on April 30, 1949 at
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

born August 4, 1927

at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

Before marriage, Mennonite

Brethren; later, Baptist



The Family

6th Generation - Children

Theresa Maria

born May 6, 1950

at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

Church member: Baptist

Sheri

born Dec. 2, 1955

at Minneapolis, Minn.

Glenn

born Sept. 11, 1962

at Minneapolis, Minn.



The Plant

Terri is in Grade XI and an "A" student. She is a member of the "National Honor Society," plays the flute in the school and church bands and sews her own and her friend's dresses.

Sheri is in Grade IV and also an "A" student. She is active in the "Pioneer Girls" and is busy earning badges - right now she is working on her "kitchen badge."

5th GenerationGordon Toews

born June 19, 1930
 at Saskatoon, Sask., Canada
 Address: Minneapolis, Minn.
 Occupation: Accountant
 Elim Chapel - Non-denominational
 after marriage, Brethren
 Married to Margaret Walls
 on November 9, 1957
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.
 born at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.
 on Aug. 26, 1926
 before marriage - Brethren
 after marriage - Brethren
 Profession: Secretary

6th Generation - ChildrenRobert Gordon

born June 12, 1958
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

4th GenerationHenry Peter Toews

born July 28, 1897 at Steinbach, Man.
 Address: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
 Occupation: Rawleigh Salesman
 Before marriage no church affiliation;
 later, General Conference Mennonite
 Married to Eva Toews on June 12, 1923
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada
 born Feb. 7, 1903
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada
 Before marriage no church affiliation;
 later, General Conference Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenJames Gorden Taves

born Sept. 30, 1925
 at Langham, Sask., Canada

Gilbert Irwin Taves

born June 16, 1930
 at Langham, Sask., Canada

Saskatoon, Sask.
 1602-9th Ave.
 May 2, 1967

To the Editor
 Carillon News
 Steinbach, Man.

Dear Editor:

The Landmark reporter's reminiscences on good old school days put my train of reminiscences into high gear. With your kind permission, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Barkman on the good job she has done. Of course, I do not know anyone in the picture except the teacher. But I remember most of the parents that you mention. It gives me much pleasure to just sit here and think back of the good old times when I lived with the Kroeker's in Steinbach. We hauled lumber from Giroux together many a winter. The late Mr. Isaac W. Reimer belonged to our gang, too. I'll never forget how good it was to eat our lunch together in Mr. Hamilton's elevator office. He always had a hot stove for us on very cold and stormy days. But this lunch and hot coffee with a few hot yarns kept us warm during our trip home. It was often 30 below and colder. I lived my life in Steinbach previous to 1920, as that was the year I left for Saskatchewan. A few short visits to the old sod is not enough to keep up old acquaintances or make new ones. Even here I find it very difficult to keep in step with the many and rapid changes that our progressive way of life demands. Gone are the days when the late Mr. J. R. Friesen phoned us that he had a carload of Ford Model T cars to be unloaded and then hauled to Steinbach from Giroux by team and sleighs. His contract apparently was that he had to take delivery of so many cars each month. It so happened that these cars arrived in Giroux

on very cold and stormy days in January and February. In those days they shipped seven cars in a railroad car, the chassis standing on end, nailed to the ceiling and floor. The late Mr. J. R. Friesen had a way of picking farm boys with strong backs that boasted these chassis out of that railroad car in a hurry onto the beams on our sleighs without making too many scratches on the glistening and beaming bodies. I don't remember having heard of any one ever losing a bolt or fender on the way home, even on badly drifted roads. One summer the Kroeker's were here making hay somewhere west of Chortitz, when Mr. J. R. Friesen drove up in a car with Mr. Kroeker in it. Mr. Kroeker called his son, Franz, over to the car. Just what was said and done I don't know, but the end result of that meeting was that the Kroeker's bought a brand new Rumely steamer and threshing machine right then and there. Mr. Friesen, and Mr. Kroeker left us and Franz picked up his fork and started pitching hay. A big deal and what salesmanship but that was characteristic of Steinbach.

Yours in remembrance
 H. P. Toews



Earlier picture of
 Henry and Eva Toews



A recent picture
 after Henry's
 eye surgery



Jim (in Canadian Air Force
 uniform) and Gilbert

5th GenerationJames Gordon Taves

born Sept. 30, 1925

at Langham, Saskatchewan

Address: 79 Jameson Ave., Apt. 319

Toronto 3, Ontario, Canada

Occupation: Toronto Post Office

Married to Betty Lawson

on Jan. 18, 1958

at Toronto, Ontario

born Jan. 28, 1929

at Toronto, Ontario, Can.

Profession: Clerk



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Toews
in Saskatoon farm implements
museum



Jim and his wife,
Toronto, Ontario

5th GenerationGilbert Irwin Taves

born 16, 1930

at Langham, Sask., Canada

Address: 12 Knightswood Blvd.

Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Occupation: Canadian Government
Excise OfficerBefore marriage belonged to no
church; later, United Church of
CanadaMarried to Inez Moschek

on June 28, 1952

at Saskatoon, Sask., Canada

born June 6, 1929

at Humbolt, Sask., Canada

Roman Catholic; later,

United Church of Canada

Profession: Stenographer

6th Generation - ChildrenJudy Lynn

born June 26, 1955

at Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Dennis Andrew

born May 16, 1958

at Winnipeg, Man., Canada

Richard Bradly

born August 15, 1961

at Guelph, Ont., Canada



Gilbert Taves (Toews)
and his family. His father
Henry Toews stands with them.



Gilbert and Inez's children,
Christmas 1963

4th GenerationAbraham Peter Toews

born Feb. 13, 1899

at Steinbach, Man., Canada

Address: 154 Adelle

Ferguson 35, Missouri

Occupation: Pastor and teacher
Kleingemeinde before marriage;
Evang. Menn. Brethren, after
marriage.Married to Anna Mierau

on July 12, 1927

at Langham, Sask., Canada

born at Henderson, Nebraska

on July 30, 1901

Was a General Conf. member;

later, Evang. Menn. Brethren

Died Jan. 17, 1953 of cancer,

at Steel City, Nebraska

Married the second time to

Mrs. Anna Wiebe Friesen

on June 12, 1954

at Ferguson, Missouri

born March 26, 1904

at Winkler, Manitoba, Canada

Before marriage was Presby-
terian; later, Evang. Menn.
BrethrenProfession: Registered Nurse
and teacher

Above - our three boys, left to
right - Rodney, Glenn, Lloyd

Below - Our family in front of our
Langham, Sask. church which we pas-
tored for 4 years. Left to right -
Lloyd, myself, "Mom," Rodney



This is Glenn, our youngest son,
sick in bed in Langham, Sask. He
was well until about two when he
took sick and developed seizures
which began after a bad scalding
on his chest and was treated by
the doctor. He became more and
more retarded, both mentally and
physically until he died in the
Mennonite Nursing Home in Winnipeg
at the age of 18. His mother cared
for him until we moved to Oregon.
He died about 3½ years after his
mother's death.



Here we have a most pleasant pic-
ture of my first wife feeding the
chickens on our Langham parsonage
yard. She had much pleasure in
expressing her love and the
chickens responded most friendly.
Pleasant memories.

Below we stand in front of
Rev. John N. Wall's house
in Dallas, Oregon, one
block from the parsonage
where we lived and served
the Dallas E.M.B. Church.
My brother and his wife
came from Winnipeg, Man.
to visit.



My present wife and I at our
home in St. Louis. Mrs. Toews
was a former Mrs. Herbert
Friesen and has one son. She
is a nurse as well as teacher.
Her son's fam. report is with
my son's family records.

5th Generation - ChildrenLloyd Archibald

born June 26, 1929

at Steinbach, Man., Canada

Rodney Griffith

born Nov. 30, 1930

at Steinbach, Man., Canada

Glenn Donald

born March 15, 1937

at Steinbach, Man., Canada

died Oct. 18, 1956

at Winnipeg, Man., Canada

5th GenerationLloyd A. Toews

born June 6, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Address: Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation: Pharmacist

Before his church affiliation

was Evangelical Mennonite

Brethren; later, Baptist

Married to Bonnie JenneaneCarlson on Oct. 13, 1956

at Omaha, Nebraska

born Aug. 28, 1934

at Omaha, Nebraska

Before marriage, Baptist;

later, Baptist

Profession: Secretary

6th Generation - ChildrenKenneth Paul

born Nov. 1, 1958

at St. Paul, Minnesota

Cynthia Rae

born May 5, 1960

at St. Paul, Minnesota

Judith Ann

born June 28, 1962

at St. Paul, Minnesota



Lloyd A. Toews, his wife Bonnie (Carlson) and their children, Kenneth, age 6, Cynthia 5, and Judith 3, reside in Minneapolis, Minnesota (since have moved to Seal Beach, California). Lloyd graduated from Creighton University of Omaha School of Pharmacy in 1956. He is a pharmacist and manages in a downtown pharmacy. Bonnie is a graduate of Bethel College of St. Paul, Minnesota and is a fulltime homemaker. The family attends Minnehaha Baptist Church where Lloyd is vice-chairman of the church, teaches a Sunday School class and sings in the choir. Bonnie is assistant Sunday School secretary, works with the Junior Church and plays the piano in some services.

5th GenerationRodney G. Toews

born on November 30, 1930

at Steinbach, Man., Canada

Present address: 6117 Henrilee

Lakewood, California

Was a church member of the

Evangelical Menn. Brethren;

now, a Baptist

Occupation: Minister of Educ.

in Lakewood Baptist Church

Married to Betty A. Dickman

on June 28, 1951

at Saskatoon, Sask., Canada

Born on November 30, 1930

at Dalmeny, Sask., Canada

Was Evangelical Mennonite

Brethren; now, Baptist

Profession: Secretary

6th Generation - ChildrenTimothy Bryon

born Oct. 17, 1953

at Omaha, Nebraska

Douglas Wayne

born June 6, 1957

at St. Paul, Minnesota

Brian Gregory

born December 29, 1959

at Lakewood, California

5th Generation

George H. Friesen (son of my
present wife, formerly Mrs.
Friesen)

born Nov. 24, 1933 at St. Louis,
MissouriAddress: 27 Shireford, Ferguson,
MissouriOccupation: Teacher, head of
English dept. of Ferguson H. S.

enrollment 3700. Captain in

Air Force Reserves

Ch. affil.: Presbyterian

Married to Delores Hritz

on Dec. 26, 1961

at Kirkwood, Missouri

born April 10, 1936

at Bonne Terre, Missouri

Profession: Writing advertisements

Church affiliation: Catholic

6th Generation - ChildrenErich Burgdorff

born Jan. 11, 1963

at St. Louis, Missouri

Peter George

born Feb. 11, 1965

at St. Louis, Missouri

Sarah Elizabeth

born Oct. 20, 1966

at St. Louis, Missouri



4th Generation

Margaretha P. Toews
born Feb. 17, 1901
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Ch. affil.: Formerly;
Kleingemeinde; now, Menno-
nite Brethren
Married to Abraham J. B. Reimer on Oct. 10, 1921
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Sept. 30, 1899
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died April 12, 1936
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Age: 39 years; 6 months,
13 days
Occupation: Farmer and
drayman
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde
Married to Jacob Peter Epp
on Sept. 24, 1936
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Feb. 21, 1892
at Elizabeththal, South
Russia
Occupation: Minister of the
Gospel
Ch. affil.: Always,
Mennonite Brethren
Residence during the second
marriage: Glenlea, Manitoba

5th Generation - Children

Norma Margareth Reimer (adopted)
born Sept. 13, 1931
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Arthur Jakob Epp
born Sept. 1, 1939
at St. Boniface, Manitoba



5th Generation

Arthur Jake Epp
born Sept. 1, 1939
at St. Boniface, Man.
Address: Box 1454
Steinbach, Man.
Occupation: Teacher in
Steinbach Collegiate
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite Brethren
Married to Lydia Martens
on Aug. 17, 1961
at Steinbach, Man.
born Sept. 7, 1939
at Steinbach, Man.
Profession: Teacher in
Kindergarten
Church affil.: Always
Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Lisa Dawn
born August 9, 1965
at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th Generation

Elizabeth Toews
born Dec. 29, 1902
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died Feb. 13, 1949
at Steinbach, Manitoba
of heart failure on
the operating table
Age: 46 years, 1 month,
15 days
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde
Married to Peter Klassen
Neufeld on Nov. 21, 1925
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died Aug. 11, 1962
at Steinbach, Manitoba
of coronary
Age: 60 years, 5 months,
15 days
Occupation: Const. Bus.
Ch. affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde

5th Generation - Children

Harry
born Aug. 8, 1927
at Steinbach, Man.
Arthur
born July 7, 1929
at Steinbach, Man.
Loraine Elizabeth
born Jan. 25, 1933
at Steinbach, Man.
William
born April 17, 1935
at Steinbach, Man.
Margaret
born Jan. 1, 1937
at Steinbach, Man.
Prof.: Missionary in
Germany; Ch. affil.:
Kleingemeinde
Wayne Clifford
born Sept. 22, 1945 at Steinbach, Man.



Mr. Neufeld's second marriage was to Margaret Sawatzky on Nov. 15, 1953, at Steinbach, Manitoba. She was born April 27, 1906 at Altona, Manitoba and was a member of the Kleingemeinde Church in Steinbach, before and after marriage. Her present address is Steinbach, Man.



Mr. Duckworth, an Englishman who lived at Giroux, about 8 miles from Steinbach, did not like the Mennonites and showed this at every opportunity with rather vulgar disrespect. At one time he happened to come to town on one of the frequent religious Mennonite holidays and found, to his chagrin, that the business places, except the post office, which was a government institution, closed. In order to satisfy his ardour for contempt he walked into the post office and reached through the wicket and pulled the long beard of a defenseless used-to-be-made-fun-of, somewhat bewildered Mennonite postmaster. When Pete Neufeld, a rather precise, valorous, muscular, Mennonite specimen, saw this, he got an unceremoniously firm grip of the beard-puller's neck and dispatched him to the street with the simple clarification, "here it's not done that way."



Three little German girls who took part in one of Margaret's "Mädchenfreizeiten."



The Janz Team Tent Meeting for Children



Margaret Neufeld

The following is a letter from Margaret telling us about her work in Germany.

To all my Toews Relatives:

Flying high over the clouds, speedily away from the town of Steinbach where I had been born, I couldn't help but ask myself, "What am I doing on this plane? Why am I leaving my home, my family, my friends? Was it merely because of a desire for new things? For some new experience?" Never! My family and friends meant much more to me than any new experience ever could. What then was I doing here? The answer to my questioning assured me. I was here because the Lord had called me. As a child of God this was all I needed to look forward with gratefulness to my future work in the land of my forefathers, the land of Germany.

Arriving in Germany, I soon realized that I was indeed in a different land, and certainly in a different culture. I made my home on the outskirts of the city of Lörrach, just along the border of Switzerland and Germany. In fact, I live so close to Switzerland that the walk in the backyard of our apartment is the official border of the two countries. The city of Lörrach is situated on the edge of the famous Schwarzwald in Germany. Although this area cannot boast of the beautiful majestic mountains as can Switzerland, the rolling wooded hills with its sparkling brooks make it one of the most beautiful areas in Germany. And to my thinking, even more lovely than the Alps in Switzerland, although I would never dare say this in the presence of a Swiss.

Germany is a land of contrasts. Its big cities with modern department stores and plush restaurants, offer all that our cities in Canada and United States offer. But leave the big cities for a moment and drive with me into the many hundreds of small "Dörfer" surrounding the cities and you will agree that it is quite a different world. Passing through some of these villages and seeing the women follow the plow or the men scattering the seed, you forget that you are living in the twentieth century. As well as being a land of contrasts, Germany is also a land of beauty. I shall never forget my first morning in Germany when I awoke to the ringing of a few of their hundreds of church bells. It was beautiful! Then there is the Rhein lit up at night, the peaceful walks through the woods, and the hundreds of graceful church steeples. And so I could go on and on telling you of lovely things here in Germany, but I must tell you something about my work.

I had been invited to come to Germany to work in the Sunday School department of the Janz Team. The Janz Team had its beginning when the two Janz brothers, Leo and Hildor, came to Germany in 1955 to broadcast over Radio Luxembourg. The work soon expanded. In addition to radio work they conduct crusades across Germany, Austria and Switzerland (this is definitely their greatest ministry now) and have also taken upon themselves to translate all of Scripture Press Sunday School material. This enormous task is nearly completed. And now comes an even greater task; to convince the people of Germany that this material is good, and that a departmentalized Sunday School is the answer to many problems they face in reaching their thousands of children and young people for Jesus Christ. It may interest you to know that as far as we know there is no fully departmentalized Sunday School in Germany.

In the two years that I have been here we have conducted Sunday School conventions to impress the people with the need of organizing a Sunday School and to acquaint them with the material and the system. This winter my work will be different in that I will be staying in LÖrrach in order to promote the Sunday School in the churches here. Our plan is to get one or two sample Sunday Schools going in one area, so that others may be able to see that it really works. It may mean door to door canvassing and many disappointments, but "if God be for us who can be against us?"

Another type of work that has been a first for us is the conducting of Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Except in Mennonite communities this work is relatively unknown. When requesting an opening for such a school we were generally told that everyone was on holiday and that this idea just would not work here. This summer we decided to try it. Our first school was held in a State Church. And it worked!

I must also mention one other phase of the work. Although I did not come to Germany to work in the Crusades, I have had the opportunity to take part in several. Not only are we able to conduct children's meetings every afternoon, but we are also able to visit jails, and to take religious periods in many of the schools. We have been amazed at the liberty we have of entering the schools. Just one example: We were invited to take the religious hour in a sculpturing class in South Hessen. The instructor informed us that we could take as much time as we wished. We thought this was very gracious, but did not really take him at his word. However, after the usual one hour period was up, the students continued to raise one question after

another. When finally we did leave, we had spent three hours in this particular class.

German youth is a thinking youth. But this sometimes, or I should say often, stands in the way of them accepting the Word of God in simple faith. There is a German saying, the thought of which is: "Why make it easy, if you can make it difficult?" This sounds rather strange, but I believe that to a great extent this is the problem of German youth.

I could tell you many more things about the German people, about my work, about the encouragements and discouragements, but I am afraid this letter is so lengthy already that I have perhaps by this time, lost most of my readers. To those who are still with me I would like to say "alles Gute und aufwiedersehn."



Tülingen, is the name of the little Dorf you see on the hill. The hill is particularly lovely in spring during apple blossom time. It is partly Switzerland, partly Germany. The "Dorf" is very old-fashioned, very quaint.

5th GenerationHarry Toews Neufeld

born Aug. 8, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Man.

Occupation: Implement Dealer

Church affil.: Always,

Kleingemeinde

Married to Tina Doerksen

on April 25, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born June 27, 1927

at Barkfield, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always,

Kleingemeinde

6th Generation - ChildrenHarry Peter

born Feb. 26, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Student

Voanne Elizabeth

born Dec. 29, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Student

Kenneth Vohn

born March 22, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lois Lynn

born Sept. 15, 1956

at Steinbach, Manitoba

David Blair

born Oct. 9, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba



Harry Neufeld, (centre) owner of Neufeld Farm Equipment, Steinbach, being presented with a "dealer of the year" silver tray, emblematic of outstanding service to Allis Chalmers customers during the year. The Allis Chalmers Co. sponsors a dealer of the month contest, for service, parts availability, sales, and general proficiency, which Mr. Neufeld won last April. This year, when the overall points were estab-

lished, the Neufeld Equipment Co. was given the Dealership of the year award.

The contest embraces 126 dealerships in Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Making the presentation is Eldon Mogg, sales manager of the Winnipeg branch. At right is Jim Heindrichs, district representative.

Mr. Neufeld was also named top volume dealer for western Canada.

5th Generation

Arthur Peter Neufeld
born July 22, 1929
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Kola, Manitoba
Occupation: Farming and
Pastor of the Church
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde, now named
Evang. Mennonite Church
Married to Marie Peters
on May 13, 1951
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born June 24, 1930
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Formerly,
Evang. Mennonite Brethren;
now, Evang. Menn. Church

6th Generation - Children

Donald Craig (adopted)
born Sept. 17, 1960
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Diane Marie (adopted)
born July 2, 1962
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Art Neufeld is a farmer and
and ordained minister in the
Evangelical Menn. Church at
Kola, Manitoba. A few years
ago when he went to visit
missionaries in Brazil and
other countries, he got
stranded in the wilderness
and had a rather difficult
stay on the mission field
and return home. Art is a
successful farmer and well-
liked minister.

5th Generation

Loraine Elizabeth Neufeld
born Jan. 25, 1933
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Ch. affil.: Kleingemeinde
(Evangelical Menn. Church)
Married to Henry Wiebe
Hiebert on Aug. 18, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Dec. 1, 1932
at Chortiz, Manitoba
Occupation: Teacher
Ch. affil.: Kleingemeinde
(Evangelical Menn. Church)

6th Generation - Children

Beth Yvonne
born Feb. 16, 1959
at Goshen, Indiana

Henry Merle
born Aug. 1, 1960
at Minneapolis, Minnesota

Margurite Susanne
born May 29, 1962
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Henry Wiebe Hiebert is a
graduate of Goshen Col-
lege, Indiana, with a
major in music. He is a
choir director, soloist,
and a teacher of music.

5th Generation

William Neufeld
born April 17, 1935
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Occupation: Printer
Ch. affil.: Kleinge-
meinde (Evang. Menn. Ch.)
Married to Elma Klassen
on April 27, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Dec. 10, 1935
at Twin Creek, Manitoba
Ch. affil.: Kleingemeinde
(Evangelical Menn. Ch.)

6th Generation - Children

Lucille Marie
born March 8, 1958
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Alaire James
born Oct. 10, 1960
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Allen Kent
born June 16, 1964
at Steinbach, Manitoba
died March 3, 1965
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Age: 8 months, 16 days

William is a printer in
Steinbach and did most
of our printing for
the Toewsfest

4th Generation

Katharina Rempel Toews
born March 13, 1905
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Formerly,
Kleingemeinde (Menn.);
now Evang. Free Church
Married to Bernhard
Peter Wiebe
on Oct. 29, 1926
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Sept. 13, 1905
at Ste. Anne, Manitoba
Occupation: Creamery
Operator; now retired
Church affil.: Formerly,
Kleingemeinde (Menn.);
now, Evang. Free Church

5th Generation - Children

Helen
born Dec. 20, 1927
at Steinbach, Man.
Profession: Postal
Clerk
Ch. affil.: Evang.
Free Church

Willard Peter
born Oct. 28, 1931
at Steinbach, Man.
died Feb. 11, 1932
of a deformed throat
at Steinbach, Man.

Laura
born Feb. 11, 1930
at Steinbach, Man.

Jeffrey James
born Aug. 21, 1933
at Steinbach, Man.

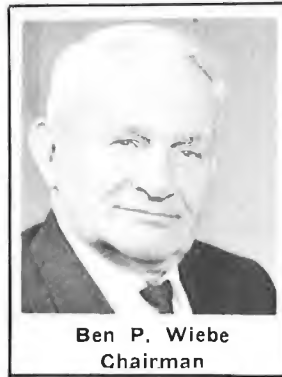
Myrna Joyce
born Feb. 4, 1936
at Steinbach, Man.



My sister Tien, Mrs. Ben Wiebe, has been an
invalid since a tumor was removed from her
brain a few years ago. Ben, her husband,
with some outside help, most lovingly takes
care of her.

Credit Committee (1965)

Since several members of our Toews family are vitally connected with the Steinbach Credit Union, especially Ben P. Wiebe, we here give a few details about this business they helped to establish and greatly expand. Our family contributors are indicated by lines around their pictures.



Ben P. Wiebe
Chairman



Henry Kasper



John Banman

Supervisory Committee (1965)



Jacob J. Peters
Chairman



Melvin C. Toews



Abe Kauenhowen



Henry A. Toews
1902-1963



Abram T. Loewen



Jac. H. W. Reimer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

as of December 31st, 1965

of the

Less **STEINBACH CREDIT UNION SOCIETY LIMITED**

Office Eq. 45,589.66

Less Dep. 37,106.99 8,482.67

Total \$7,205,286.48

\$7,205,286.48

PRESIDENTS

"Our greatest glory is not in never erring, but in growing every time we err."



Eugene Derksen
1941



B. P. Toews
1942, 1947, 1948



John R. Unger
1949



K. T. Kroeker
1950-'56; 1961



A. T. Loewen
1957-1960
1963-1964



Joe T. Penner
1943-1946
1962, 1965-



The installation of our NCR Postronic posting machine was the greatest advance in accounting in the history of Steinbach. The increasing popularity of our Deposit Account with the members, necessitated the purchase of this equipment to expedite the posting of an average of 750 cheques and receipts daily.

By electronic methods, this machine performs the following operations automatically: verifies the account number (rejects cards in case of error); picks up old balance; selects posting line; posts date; warns in case of overdraft or stop-payment; keeps memory of the number of cheques posted; as well as posting the member's statement, our ledger record and the audit tape.



For safety and security reasons, all cheques handled in our office are photographed. In a matter of seconds, 100 cheques are photographed on both sides simultaneously by our Micro-Filmer and the size reduced to one-fortieth on the film. After the film is processed, the Viewer enlarges the cheque to its original size. About a million cheques are photographed annually with this machine.

5th Generation

Laura Catherine Wiebe
 born Feb. 11, 1930
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Free Church; now,
 none
 Married to Erich Menno Reimer
 at Minna Nigeria, West Africa
 on June 15, 1955
 born Jan. 16, 1928
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Grocery Store
 Manager
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Free Church; now,
 none

6th Generation - Children

Joy Kathleen
 born Dec. 2, 1956
 at Jos, Nigeria, West Africa

Garth Stephen
 born Aug. 26, 1958
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Keith Douglas
 born April 10, 1960
 at Calabar, E. Nigeria,
 West Africa

5th Generation

Jeffrey James Wiebe
 born Aug. 21, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Pavillion, Wyoming
 Occupation: High School Prin-
 cipal
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Emmanuel Mission Church; now,
 Evangelical Free Church
 Married to Jorlean Susan
Reimer on Aug. 20, 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Emmanuel Mission Church; now,
 Evangelical Free Church
 Born March 31, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

6th Generation - Children

Sandra Caye
 born Feb. 20, 1964
 at Riverton, Wyoming

5th Generation

Myrna Joyce Wiebe
 born Feb. 4, 1936
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Idaho Falls, Idaho
 Profession: Professional
 Artist
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Free Church
 Married to Earl Wendell
Kalbfleisch
 on May 15, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born April 27, 1935
 at Twin Falls, Idaho
 Occupation: Engineering
 Technician
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Nazarene; now, Evangelical
 Free Church

6th Generation - Children

Kara Ellen
 born Feb. 28, 1963
 at Idaho Falls, Idaho

Roderick Spencer
 born April 27, 1964
 at Idaho Falls, Idaho

4th Generation

Bernhard P. Toews
 born Feb. 3, 1907
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died March 13, 1951
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of kidney trouble
 Age: 44 years, 1 month, 10 days
 Occupation: Trucker
 Church affil.: None at time
 of marriage; later, Kleinge-
 meinde
 Married to Margaret Sawatzky
 on June 1, 1935
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Sept. 8, 1912
 at Altona, Manitoba
 Church affil.: None at time of
 marriage; after marriage,
 Kleingemeinde
 Residence: Steinbach, Manitoba

5th Generation - Children

Bernardine Jo Anne
 born April 11, 1936
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Valrie Dawn
 born Oct. 28, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Dec. 4, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of heart failure during
 operation
 Profession: Bank Clerk

Clinton Murray
 born March 8, 1944
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Christopher Allen
 July 22, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba



Ben P. Toews
1907-1951

5th Generation

Bernardine Toews

born April 11, 1936
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Burns Lake, B. C.
Church affil.: Always,
Kleingemeinde
Married to Cornie Plette
on June 24, 1955
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Sept. 27, 1935
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: A Minister of
the Gospel
Church affiliation: Always,
Kleingemeinde

6th Generation - Children

Peggy Helen

born Jan. 17, 1960
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Pauline Joy

born Sept. 22, 1961
at Burns Lake, B. C.

Daniel James

born July 17, 1963
at Burns Lake, B. C.

4th Generation

Anna Toews

born March 2, 1909
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: St. Catharines, Ont.
Church affil.: Formerly,
Evangelical Menn. Church
(Kleingemeinde)
Married to Frank P. Dueck
on Nov. 13, 1927
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Jan. 14, 1903
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Grader Operator
Church affil.: Formerly,
Evangelical Menn. Church
(Kleingemeinde)

5th Generation - Children

Wilma

born Jan. 14, 1929
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elvira

born March 6, 1931
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Esther

born April 12, 1933
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lorne

born May 1, 1937
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Glenna

born Nov. 20, 1939
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Church affil.: Associated
Gospel, Calvary Church
St. Catharines, Ontario

5th Generation

Wilma Elizabeth Dueck

born Jan. 14, 1929
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Kola, Man., Canada
Church affil.: Always,
Evangelical Mennonite Church
(Kleingemeinde)
Married to Peter F. Klassen
on May 14, 1950
at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.
born Dec. 28, 1928
at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.
Occupation: Building Contractor
Church affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Mennonite Church
(Kleingemeinde)

6th Generation - Children

Karyn Ruth

born June 30, 1951
at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Michael

born June 4, 1955
at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Randall John

born Feb. 28, 1959
at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Timothy Paul

born May 4, 1964
at Virdon, Manitoba, Can.

5th Generation

Elvira Dueck
 born March 6, 1931
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: St. Catharines, Ont.,
 Canada
 Profession: Nurse
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church); now,
 General Conference Mennonite
 Married to George Gerhard Epp
 on Aug. 12, 1955
 at St. Catharines, Ontario
 Occupation: Accountant
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite Brethren; now,
 General Conference Mennonite
 born July 28, 1924
 at Suworowka, U.S.S.R.

6th Generation - Children

Philip George
 born Feb. 2, 1960
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

Brenda Joyce
 born Sept. 16, 1962
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

5th Generation

Esther Dueck
 born April 12, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Kola, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church)
 Married to Levi Friesen Klassen
 on July 10, 1953
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 11, 1932
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Garage Owner -
 Mechanic
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church)

6th Generation - Children

Cynthia Marie
 born Nov. 9, 1956
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Bradley Leigh
 born Jan. 9, 1960
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th Generation

Lorne Peter Dueck
 born Jan. 7, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: St. Catharines, Ont.
 Occupation: Businessman
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 United Missionary Church; now,
 Associated Gospel
 Married to Eleanore Pauline
Gillies on March 28, 1959
 at St. Catharines, Ontario
 born March 10, 1940
 at Kitchener, Ontario
 Profession: Teacher
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 United Missionary Church; now,
 Associated Gospel

6th Generation - Children

Kally Debbie Lee
 born March 31, 1960
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

Kammy Lorne
 June 6, 1963
 at St. Catharines, Ontario

4th Generation

John Peter Toews
 born October 8, 1910
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Occupation: Farmer
 Before marriage, no church
 affiliation; later, Evangeli-
 cal Mennonite Church
 Married to Elizabeth Krause
Unrau on June 16, 1949
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.
 born April 27, 1908
 Chortitz (Hochfeld), Manitoba
 Before marriage, member of
 the Chortitzer Menn. Church;
 later, Evangelical Mennonite
 Church

5th Generation - Children

John Earl
 born Aug. 22, 1950
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Robert Allen
 born Sept. 24, 1954
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

4th GenerationMary Toews

born April 1, 1912
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Morden, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 now, Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Joseph Wiebe
 on Aug. 3, 1938
 at the E.M.B. Church in
 Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Aug. 7, 1909
 at St. Anne, Manitoba
 Occupation: Minister of the
 Gospel
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 now, Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenEunice

born May 18, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Ruth

born April 27, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lois Sharon

born July 15, 1944
 at Vita, Manitoba

Phillip Howard

born Aug. 23, 1945
 at Vita, Manitoba
 Occupation at present: Student
 Church affil.: Mennonite
 Brethren

David Calvin

born Jan. 13, 1953
 at Eriksdale, Manitoba

5th GenerationEunice Wiebe

born May 18, 1939
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Niverville, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Henry Toews
 on June 30, 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born July 22, 1933
 at Winkler, Manitoba
 Occupation: High School Prin-
 cipal
 Ch. affil.: Always, Mennonite
 Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenJoanne Marie

April 1, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Teresa Eunice

born Dec. 2, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Timothy John

born Dec. 15, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationRuth Wiebe

born April 27, 1940
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Waldo Enns
 on July 9, 1960
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Jan. 3, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Real Estate
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenMarlowe Andrew

born Feb. 24, 1961
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Kevin Waldo

born June 13, 1964
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Candace Ruth

born Sept. 24, 1965
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationLois Sharon Wiebe

born July 15, 1944
 at Vita, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Henry Wedel
 on July 31, 1965
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born May 28, 1943
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Public School
 Teacher
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenMary's Family

This is Rev. Joe
 Wiebe's family.
 From left to right:
 Ruth with her baby
 and her husband,
 Waldo Enns; sister
 Mary and Lois, her
 daughter; Joe and
 son David; one of
 Eunice's girls and
 one of her children
 and her husband,
 Henry Toews.
 This was their 25th
 wedding anniversary.

4th GenerationEsther Toews

born Jan. 18, 1914
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 259 Leila Ave.
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession: Cook
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Walter Roberts
 on Sept. 6, 1944
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Oct. 16, 1898
 at Castleford, England
 Occupation: Machinist
 Church affiliation: Church of
 England



Walter Roberts and Esther



Esther's house and garden. It is the most beautiful place in West Kildonan, the suburb in which the Roberts' live. Several years they have received first prize for the most beautiful place in their part of the city.

4th GenerationHelena Toews

born Oct. 20, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 52 Carmen
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Before marriage, none; after marriage, Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Gerhard Unruh
 on Oct. 10, 1948
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 16, 1910
 at Waldheim, Ukraine, Russia
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Church affiliation: Before marriage, none; after marriage, Elmwood Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenRonald Gerhard

born Sept. 16, 1949
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Student at present
 Church affiliation: Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church

4th GenerationDavid Peter Toews

born Nov. 17, 1917
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.
 Address: Minneapolis, Minn.
 Occupation: Industrial Painting
 Before marriage, no church affiliation; after marriage, Presbyterian
 Married to Martha Giesbrecht
 on Feb. 8, 1943
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.
 born June 5, 1916
 at Lanigan, Sask., Canada
 Before marriage, no church affiliation; after marriage, Presb.

5th Generation - ChildrenBrian David

born Nov. 10, 1946
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.

Richard

born Aug. 8, 1951
 at Steinbach, Manitoba, Can.



Helen (Mrs. G. Unruh) and Tien (Mrs. Peter Toews) sitting on the curb and eating popcorn.



This is a group of wedding guests and David Toews' and Martha's wedding. David stands just above Martha as the arrow indicates. David is in military uniform. The wedding took place just before David was sent overseas in World War II.

4th GenerationLinda Penner Toews

born July 29, 1927

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Accountant

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Henry Wieler Peters

on June 22, 1947

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born April 9, 1924

at Greenland, Manitoba

Occupation: Automobile salesman

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenMarcia Lynn

born Sept. 10, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Student at present

Marilyn Rae

born August 30, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Student at present

4th GenerationErnest Toews

born Sept. 9, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Building Contractor

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Aldyth Helen Friesen

on Aug. 13, 1954

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born July 4, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenRyan Peter

born July 24, 1956

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Larry Alan

born Feb. 2, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Marlyce Gwen

born Jan. 12, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba



Ernest and Aldyth
(Picture taken in the park in
Winnipeg at a gathering of the
Peter Toews' family)



The Peter Toewses clan proving
that they like food (in Winni-
peg Park)

Picture #2 - Children of Peter Toews - Helen, Mary, John, Margaret, Abraham, Henry, Peter.

Picture #3 - Mrs. and Mr. Walter Roberts (Esther), Mrs. and Mr. Menno Reimers (sister Tien's daughter Laura), Mrs. and Mr. Ernest Toews, (brother)

Picture #4 - Henry, George Unruhs (Helen), Peter Toews, Abram Toews, John Toews, Mary, Margaret and Laura Wiebe, Rev. Jacob Epp, Margaret's husband sits in front

Picture #5 - the whole family picnicing.



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6 - At the lake in northern Saskatchewan in 1946 when we served as pastor of the Langham, EMB Church. Front row from left to right: Mrs. Peter Toews, Mrs. Ben Toews, Mr. Peter Toews, Mr. Ben Toews (deceased). Back row from left to right: Henry Toews, Abraham Toews, my beloved wife, Mrs. Anna Mierau Toews (deceased), Gilbert Toews (Henry's son), Mrs. Eva Toews, Henry's wife.



#7

Mrs. and Mr. Henry Toews, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Toews

<i>Original Family Head</i>	
PETER TOEWS	
Name	Mr. Abe P. Toews
Address	154 Adelle St. Louis 35, Mo

#8 - This was the badge each Peter Toews member wore on his body at the Toewsfest. The other 5 families had a similar badge with their family name. There were so many Toewses at the Fest that something like this had to be done to know each other.

5th GenerationDiana Joan Toews

born Nov. 4, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Panama, Central
America

Profession: Missionary

Church affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Mennonite Church
(Kleingemeinde)Married to Clifford Reimer

on Aug. 7, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born March 19, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Missionary

Church affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Mennonite Church
(Kleingemeinde)6th Generation - ChildrenCornie Faye

born April 30, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationMelvin Toews

born Dec. 3, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
Mennonite Church)Married to Elvira Loewen

on Dec. 28, 1956

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born July 11, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Nurse

Church affiliation: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
Mennonite Church)6th Generation - ChildrenMarjorie Anne

born June 6, 1958

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Miriam Helen

born May 21, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationBernhard Abram Toews

born June 25, 1904

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Saskatoon, Sask.

Occupation: Creamery Employee,
Saskatchewan Co-op Creamery
Assoc., Ltd.

Church affiliation:

Married to Mabel Luckwell

on June 11, 1933

at Saskatoon, Sask.

born Sept. 4, 1906

at Somerset, England

Profession: Office Clerk

Church affiliation: Anglican

5th Generation - ChildrenMaurice Verne

born May 23, 1936

at Saskatoon, Sask.

Occupation: Accountant

Marilyn Ruth

born Nov. 30, 1943

at Saskatoon, Sask.

Profession: Registered Nurse

4th GenerationAbraham A. Toews

born April 24, 1906

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Merchant

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
now, Grace Mennonite, General
ConferenceMarried to Rosalie Toews

on July 3, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Nov. 14, 1914

at Morden, Manitoba

Profession: Nurse

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Evang. Mennonite Brethren;
now, Grace Mennonite, General
Conference5th Generation - ChildrenDavid George

born Nov. 25, 1942

at St. Boniface, Manitoba

John Allan

born July 19, 1945

at St. Boniface, Manitoba

Helen Marguerite

born May 23, 1954

at Steinbach, Manitoba

This is Abraham A. Toews' store in Steinbach. He is the son of Abraham R. Toews.



5th GenerationKenneth Friesen

born Aug. 15, 1926
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: R.C.A.F. Station
 Greenwood, Box 5161, Nova
 Scotia, Canada
 Occupation: Royal Canadian
 Air Force Mechanic
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 none; now, Lutheran
 Married to Lilian Wiesbrot
 on Aug. 18, 1962
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Aug. 10, 1936
 at Regina, Saskatchewan
 Church affil.: Always,
 Lutheran
 Profession: Hairdresser

6th Generation - ChildrenDavid Kenneth

Sept. 21, 1963
 at Nova Scotia, Canada

4th GenerationHenry Abraham Toews

born Jan. 29, 1902
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died (?) 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of cancer
 Age: 61 years
 Occupation: Dealer in
 poultry products
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Ch.
 (Kleingemeinde)
 Married to Anna Reimer
 on June 2, 1928
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Sept. 17, 1906
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Man.
 Profession: Clerk
 Church affil.: Always,
 Evang. Mennonite Church
 (Kleingemeinde)

5th Generation - ChildrenDiana Joan

on Nov. 4, 1930
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Melvin

born May 15, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Phillis Marie

born Oct. 10, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Dec. 28, 1938
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Reginald Wayne

born Feb. 1, 1941
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Potpourri

by Mrs. H. A. Toews

An old familiar sampler reads:
 "To know how sweet your home
 may be - just go away but keep
 the key."

And this is precisely what I
 did this fall. One day in July my
 sister-in-law, Margaret, Mrs.
 Is. O. Friesen, asked me out of
 the clear blue "Anne would you
 consider going to Halifax with
 me to visit Ken and Lillian?"
 Like the typical Reimer I am I
 answered without hesitation,
 "But of course I'd love to when
 are we going?" Ken is the Frie-
 sen's youngest son who has been
 in the Air Force for many years
 and is stationed at the Greenwood
 Base, approximately one hundred
 miles out of Halifax.

This is how it all started and
 finally Oct. 11th was chosen as
 the day of departure. Ike took us
 in and saw us safely deposited
 in our seats on the train. Per-
 sonally I love almost any mode
 of travelling, including flying.

We arrived in Halifax late in
 the afternoon of Oct. 13 and were
 joyfully received by Ken and
 Lillian and children, David and
 Susanne, aged three and one re-
 spectively. Halifax is a seaport
 in and the capital of Nova Scotia
 in S.E. Canada.

Without further adieu we were
 taken by car to their home in
 Greenwood. Travelling is said to
 be broadening, and believe me,
 with Lillian's cooking it is broad-
 ening in more ways than one.

The weather was beautiful but
 seasonal signs around Greenwood
 were chimneys smoking and
 stacks of wood piled ready for
 the winter. In the course of duty
 Ken had to leave on a mission to
 Gibraltar and the Azures that
 Sunday afternoon, but Lillian de-
 lighted in taking us around the
 countryside. I won't even attempt
 to describe the gorgeousness of
 the foliage since Nova Scotia's
 autumn scenery is said to be
 unexcelled on the North American
 continent.

It was apple-picking time and
 the sight of all those barrels of
 apples turned the clock of time
 back to my childhood, some fifty
 odd years ago, when apples came
 in barrels. According to last
 daily paper it takes 1,500 pick-
 ers a month and a half, working
 eight hours a day, to gather Nova
 Scotia's annual apple crop of
 three million bushels. Who can
 figure out how many apple pies
 that would make? Coming back we
 again enjoyed the leisure and the
 fine meals plus the merriment of
 retiring caused by sharing a
 romette.

I must confess that nearing
 Winnipeg I had trouble with keep-
 ing self-pity at arms length, ex-
 pecting no one there to meet me.
 Imagine my genuine delight when
 upon descending the stairs I heard
 pleasant familiar voices calling,
 "Hi mom." Truly, children are
 a heritage of the Lord.

I had carefully kept the key
 for my return but a week later
 I somehow managed to leave it
 behind when going out. Picture
 my chagrin that evening when I

discovered that I was locked out
 and as fate would have it, the
 landlord wasn't home. Like a
 thief in the night I removed
 a bedroom screen, dropped my
 shoes in the snow, and heaved
 my 168 pound frame through the
 window, onto the bed below. No
 mean feat for a sixty year old
 grandmother!

Speaking of sixty recalls to
 mind that a number of my friends
 are attaining that age this year,
 the most recent one being Mrs.
 Gus Reimer. This milestone in
 her life was duly observed by
 her family of brothers and sis-
 ters at the home of Mr. and
 Mrs. Is. O. Friesen on Barkman
 Ave. last Sunday. One consola-
 tion of age is that you're more
 aware of other people and more
 anxious to be kind and loving.
 There is a part of the J. B. Phil-

lips translation of the 13th chap-
 ter of 1st Corinthians that I
 count superb - "Love knows no
 limit to its endurance, no end to
 its trust, no fading of its hope:
 it can outlast anything. It is, in
 fact, the one thing that still
 stands when all else has fallen."
 What prompted me to quote the
 above is the deep compassion
 for loved ones who are critically
 ill at the present time.

Among them is my late hus-
 band's aged father who has been
 bedridden for more than a year
 now. When I visited him last the
 beautiful words of Lord Tenny-
 son came to my mind:

"Sunset and evening star,
 And one clear call for me!
 And may there be no moan-
 ing of the bar,
 When I put out to sea."

5th GenerationViolet Friesen

born June 13, 1924
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Richard Kliewer
 on July 8, 1945
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 12, 1922
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Dec. 22, 1963
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of a heart attack
 Age: 41 years, 10 months,
 10 days
 Occupation: Business manager
 Church affil.: Always,
 Evang. Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenBruce Richard

born Nov. 21, 1947
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Douglas Peter

born March 8, 1951
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaret Dianne

born Oct. 22, 1959
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationVictor Friesen

born June 13, 1924
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Regina, Sask.
 Occupation: Estimator
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Evang. Mennonite Brethren;
 now, Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Mary Lee Braun
 on Aug. 4, 1949
 at Altona, Manitoba
 born March 21, 1927
 at Altona, Manitoba
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenGerald Victor

born March 6, 1951
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Mary Lee Jane

born May 17, 1953
 at Regina, Sask.

Wayne Robert

born March 19, 1958
 at Regina, Sask.

5th GenerationNorman Friesen

born Oct. 15, 1925
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 256 Eggerton Road
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Occupation: Mortgage Manager
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evang. Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Kay M. Reid
 on Sept. 17, 1949
 at Dugald, Manitoba
 born Jan. 5, 1922
 at St. Boniface, Manitoba
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 United Church of Canada;
 now, Evang. Menn. Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenCatherine Margaret Rae

born Oct. 26, 1952
 at St. Boniface, Manitoba

Norma Jeanne

born April 21, 1959
 at St. Boniface, Manitoba

5th GenerationMilton Friesen

born Oct. 15, 1925
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 9475 Haitian Drive
 Miami, Florida
 Occupation: Principal of a
 school and Minister of the
 Gospel - Pastor
 Church affil.: Always, Evan-
 gelical Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Ruth Crocker
 on March 7, 1951
 in Venezuela, South America
 born Oct. 14, 1925
 in India
 Profession: Teacher
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Christian Missionary Alliance;
 now, Evang. Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenStar Cecilia

born Feb. 14, 1953
 at Guasdilito, Venezuela, S.A.

Carol Rae

born Dec. 25, 1957
 at San Cristobal, Venezuela,
 S. A.



Here we have Uncle Abraham Toews when he was a young man. This picture must have been taken around 1894. He was about 3 months old when his parents moved to America. When I asked him one time where he was born, whether in Russia or America, he said in Low German: "Eck sie hingawaeges utgeschett" (I was born while on the way). Shortly after this picture was taken Uncle Abraham married my mother's sister, Anna Rempel. Her father (my grandfather) was a teacher, too.



This picture shows Uncle Abraham Toews cutting wood when he was about 90 years of age. It reminds us of Kaiser Wilhelm in Holland.



Here we see Mrs. Abraham Toews (Helen Esau), Uncle Abraham Toews, Cornelius Loewen (nephew who took the uncles one day for a ride into the woods east of Steinbach where years ago he used to have a sawmill) and Uncle John Toews, still living in the Steinbach rest home.

4th Generation

Margaretha A. Toews
born April 16, 1900
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Mennonite Brethren
Married to Isaac Q. Friesen
on June 10, 1923
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born March 7, 1901
at Jansen, Nebraska
Occupation: Mechanic
Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - Children

Victor and Violet (twins)
born June 13, 1924
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Milton and Norman (twins)
born Oct. 15, 1925
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Kenneth
born Aug. 15, 1927
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Abraham Toews and His Farm

Uncle Abraham moved in 1910 from Steinbach to a farm six miles southeast. The land was rather light and inferior and the roads very poor. It is striking how the farms in this area formed a complex of strikingly varied "outsiders."

The first of these was the St. Johns family, most likely of English origin. When it lost its oldest son, Jack, in the first World War it left. Their neighbors were Cornelius Reimers who used to haul fish from the northern Manitoba lakes and merchandise from Winnipeg. He sold his farm to Peter Thiessen, from Giroux, a place named after a Roman Catholic priest.

Across the road from the Thiessens was an old Scottish settler, Alex Borland, a property now owned by Aaron Kroeker. The neighbor to Borland was John Friesen who through his wife had connections with Chicago. It can be added here that the present Steinbach postmaster is the son of this family. The neighbor to the east of the Friesens was Jacob Schellenberg often nicknamed "Schacha Schallenberg." He was most skillful horsetrader and a good veterinarian, known far and wide.

On the other side of the Schellenberg place lived Isaac T. Wiens who moved there from Dallas, Oregon. He is now an outstanding carpenter in Steinbach. Across the road was my father's farm, that he bought from George Friesens who moved to Dallas, Oregon. To the immediate north lived the Browns, a former C.P.R. policeman in Winnipeg.

Closer to Uncle Abraham's farm lived Klaas Reimers, who moved to Old Mexico. To the south was the Cornelius Reimer's farm. Mr. Reimer was also nicknamed "Stock Reima," he was lame and always used a cane. They sold out and moved to Satanta, Kansas. To the east was the Abraham Esau's farm. They moved there from Oregon towards the close of the century. It was their daughter Helen who became the second wife of Abraham Toews. The Esau's were also a part of the exodus to Alberta, the leader of which was Peter Toews (no relation of ours) a blacksmith and called "Schmett Toews." He was a good friend of our Toewses.

Bordering the Abraham Esau's place was Peter Esau's cheese factory. These pioneers had the makings of a real progressive community and did very well with what facilities they had. Peter Esau became Steinbach's first second hand dealer and auctioneer. Later he moved to Winnipeg and opened a well-known

lodging place, especially for Mennonites coming to the city.

A little further over to the other side lived the John Barkmans who moved to Kleefeld and the sons now are well-known transfer people. Their neighbors were the Klassen brothers, Peter and David, who also moved to Kleefeld. Their neighbors were Bernhard Doerksens and Cornelius Pletts, who also moved to Satanta, Kansas. Their descendants are now living at Meade, Kansas, and Dinuba, California. Finally after about 40 years in this active district, our Uncle Abraham also left and moved to Steinbach to retire.

The residents of this district were also quite enterprising in regards to education. When they had no public school and got no grants they collected among themselves enough funds for a school building and to hire the writer of these lines with a grade eight education for a teacher and opened their own school. They did not wait for others to do for them what they could do, if they had to, do themselves. It was a very successful school and teaching conditions were most pleasant. These people named the district "Ekron" and it didn't take long until the school had to have another room. Below is a picture of my first school. Much more can be written about these first years of teaching.



This is my first school. I fitted into the spirit of the "Ekroners" who raked what funds they could together and paid me \$53.00 a month for teaching. My father permitted me to teach if I paid the hired help in my place \$50.00 a month. This left me \$3.00 a month. The Toewses wanted their sons to be farmers. This hired help had to have prestige too, and he did. Fritz Schulz became a very wealthy large farmer in Saskatchewan and his brother, Andrew, a police officer in Milwaukee. The tall boy on the platform is Ben Toews, Saskatoon and the girl Mrs. Alfred Reimer, St. Catharines, Ont. Jacob Esau is the tall boy standing to the left. To the right we have Isaac Loewen and Peter Loewen, Isaac Reimer's son-in-law.

Steinbach pioneer, age 92, passed away last Sunday

Mr. Abram R. Toews, one of Steinbach's few remaining original pioneers, passed away on Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m. He had been at Bethesda Hospital since Nov. 4, 1965.

The deceased had attained the ripe old age of 92 years, eight months and 13 days. He was born in Russia on March 20, 1874 and was three months old when his parents came to Manitoba as members of the original 18 families who settled in this area.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the Evangelical Mennonite church. Rev. Arnold Abe Unger speaking in German.

Pallbearers were all grandsons, of the deceased: Victor Friesen, David Toews, Ken Toews, Melvin Toews, Henry Dueck and Frank Thiessen.

Mr. Toews leaves to mourn his wife and a large family. Children surviving are Margaret (Mrs. Isaac Q. Friesen) Ben,

in Saskatoon; Abe, Steinbach; Betty (Mrs. Jac. Dueck) Steinbach; Albert, Abbotsford, B.C.; Edward, Giroux, George, an inmate of Resthaven Home, Steinbach; Gus, Steinbach; Annie (Mrs. Max Winkler) Vancouver, Linda (Mrs. Frank Thiessen) Giroux, Walter, Harvey and Willie, at home; Joe in Winnipeg, and Dorothy (Mrs. Art Sobering) in Steinbach.

One son, Henry, predeceased his father two years ago. And a grandchild, daughter of the late Henry Toews and Mrs. Toews, also predeceased him.

There are also 13 daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law, 59 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

One brother, John R. Toews is living at the Invalid Home.

During his long life as a pioneer, Mr. Toews tasted all the hardships associated with poverty and pioneering. His father passed away when he was eight

years old, leaving only his 14 year old brother and he to do the farm work.

As a young farmer starting out on his own, he hauled logs from the woods, and while crossing a bridge on the Seine, it snapped and wagon, logs and horses fell into the spring torrent below.

Mr. Toews was able to extricate himself, but much as he tried, was unable to release the doubletree from the wagon. The icy water numbed his body and finally he had all he could do to

get to shore, but he had to see his team drown. It was a tragic loss to a farmer just starting out.

Mr. Toews married the former Helena Esau on September 2,

1910. It was Mr. Toews' second marriage, his first wife having died shortly after his first marriage. They lived on the same farm in the Ekron district south east of Steinbach from the time of their wedding in 1910 until their retirement in 1949.

Times were particularly hard for the large family in the 1930s

At the Golden Wedding anniversary celebrated by the family in 1960, a son recalled this touching incident. "I overheard mother saying 'I can't bake, we have no more flour.'"

Father hitched up the horses and went to Steinbach without money, and credit was none in those days. When he came to town he tied up his horses and walked to the post office. When he returned he found a bag of flour on the sleigh. Father told me that was one time he could not hold back his tears. An answer to prayer."



Abram R. Toews

A strong man, Mr. Toews, nevertheless took sick in the spring of 1950 and was hospitalized for two months. On a certain night, the family was told that this would be the end and Mrs. Toews and a son stayed at his bedside. At 1 a.m., son Ed recalls, he asked for a drink of water and began improving. He was then 75 and recuperated to live entering hospital a year ago.

Looking back on his life at his golden wedding anniversary which had included so many vicissitudes and struggles, Mr. Toews expressed his gratitude to God with the psalmist: The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

A coincidence in Mr. Toews' passing is that exactly one year ago, on Dec. 4, 1965, a sister to Mrs. Toews and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Schartner, of Abbotsford, B.C., died in a traffic accident.

3rd Generation

Abraham Reimer Toews

born March 20, 1874

in Russia

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Retired Farmer

Church affiliation: Always, Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Mennonite Church)

Married to Anna Rempel

on June 1899

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Oct. 8, 1880

in Russia

died Oct. 27, 1906

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Age: 26 years, 19 days

Church affil.: Always, Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Mennonite Church)

Married to Helena Esau

on Sept. 2, 1910

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 23, 1893

in Oregon

Church affil.: None at time of marriage; later, Kleingemeinde (Evangelical Menn. Church)

4th Generation - Children

First marriage

Margaretha

born April 16, 1900

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Heinrich

born Jan. 29, 1902

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bernhard

born Jan. 25, 1904

Abraham

born April 24, 1906

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Second Marriage

Elizabeth

born Aug. 2, 1911

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Albert

born Jan. 3, 1913

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Edward

born Feb. 9, 1914

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Gerhard

born Feb. 9, 1916 - is an invalid at Steinbach, Man., belongs to E.M.C. Church

Gustav

born Oct. 10, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Anna

born Sept. 27, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Linda

born March 21, 1921

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Walter

born July 24, 1923

at Steinbach, Manitoba

belongs to E.M.C. church

Harvey

born Aug. 11, 1925

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Carpenter

William

born April 17, 1929

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Joseph

born June 5, 1931

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dora

born Sept. 12, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationAnnie A. Toews

born Sept. 27, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Vancouver, B. C.

Church affiliation: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Married to Max Winkler

on March 8, 1956

at Vancouver, B. C.

born

at

died May 30

at

of

Age:

Occupation: Salesman

Church affiliation:

5th Generation - ChildrenMax

born Nov. 2, 1956

at Vancouver, B. C.

4th GenerationLinda A. Toews

born March 21, 1921

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Giroux, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Frank Plett Thiessen

on Nov. 23, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Dec. 31, 1918

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

5th Generation - ChildrenDonald

born Aug. 31, 1942

at Steinbach, Man.

Beverly

born May 12, 1944

at Steinbach, Man.

Frank Roderick

born Nov. 10, 1946

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Abraham Brian

born Dec. 7, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Carol Lynne

born May 8, 1949

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Helene Joanne

born Oct. 6, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationDonald Thiessen

born Aug. 31, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: School Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Minna H. Plett

on Aug. 8, 1964

at Giroux, Manitoba

born Nov. 17, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

No Children5th GenerationBeverly A. Thiessen

born May 12, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Blumenort, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Dennis Barkman

on May 21, 1965

at Giroux, Manitoba

born May 12, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Laborer

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

No Children

4th GenerationEdward Abraham Toews

born Sept. 18, 1914

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Giroux, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Anna Reimer

on Oct. 22, 1939

at Blumenort, Manitoba

born June 18, 1920

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

(Kleingemeinde)

5th Generation - ChildrenNorma

born July 15, 1940

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Irene Helen

born Oct. 3, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Kenneth Edward

born May 20, 1944

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Abram Edward

born Sept. 16, 1950

at Giroux, Manitoba

Anna Marie

born Nov. 10, 1951

at Giroux, Manitoba

Peter Edward

born Feb. 9, 1953

at Giroux, Manitoba

5th GenerationGordon Thiessen

born Jan. 21, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Maryfield, Sask.

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Norma Toews

on May 16, 1959

at Ridgewood, Manitoba

born July 15, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenShirley Dawn

born Sept. 17, 1960

at Maryfield, Sask.

Randall James

born Feb. 6, 1964

at Maryfield, Sask.

5th GenerationIrene Helen Toews

born Oct. 3, 1942

at Ridgewood, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation:

Married to Willie Plett

on April 16, 1961

at Ridgewood, Manitoba

born Oct. 23, 1940

at Landmark, Manitoba

Occupation: Contract Carpenter

Church affiliation: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenMichael Dale

born Oct. 8, 1961

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Cheryl Lynn

born May 26, 1964

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th GenerationGustave Abram Toews

born Oct. 10, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Orderly in the

Steinbach Old Folks Home

Church affil.: Always, Klein-

gemeinde (Evang. Menn. Church)

Married to Agnes Wiebe

born Sept. 14, 1920

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Married on Aug. 18, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Menn. Brëthren; now, Klein-

gemeinde (Evang. Menn. Church)

5th Generation - ChildrenAgatha Ruth

born Aug. 29, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Christina Grace

born March 8, 1954

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Joana Martha

born Nov. 22, 1957

at Steinbach, Manitoba

David Brian

born Dec. 18, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationElizabeth Toews

born Aug. 2, 1911

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

(Kleingemeinde)

Married to Jacob Dueck

on Dec. 1, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born March 19, 1907

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer and Minister
of the GospelChurch affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Mennonite Church

(Kleingemeinde)

5th Generation - ChildrenHenry Jacob

born Nov. 29, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaret Rose and Elizabeth Ann
(twins)

born June 4, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaret is a teacher and

Elizabeth is a registered nurse

Both are members of the Evan-
gelical Mennonite ChurchGordon Neil

born April 25, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Peter Allen

born March 23, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Robert James

born June 12, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationHenry Dueck

born Nov. 29, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Accountant

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Shirley AnnetteLoewen on Oct. 16, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Dec. 10, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Bookkeeper

Church affiliation: Always

Evangelical Mennonite Church

No children

4th GenerationAlbert Abram Toews

born Jan. 3, 1913

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Abbotsford, B.C.,
Canada

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;

now, Mennonite Brethren

Married to Kathleen Willms

on Aug. 10, 1950

at Abbotsford, B. C.

born Dec. 1, 1918

in Russia

Profession: Teacher

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenAlbert James

born April 16, 1952

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Philip Heinrich

born June 17, 1954

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Edward John

born June 7, 1956

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Fredrick Peter

born March 1, 1959

at Abbotsford, B. C.

4th GenerationWilliam Toews

born April 17, 1928

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Poultry Distribution

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Evangelical Mennonite Church; now,

Emmanuel Mission Church

Married to Goertzen

on Dec. 4, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 9, 1927

at Niverville, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Emmanuel

Mission Church, always

5th Generation - ChildrenColleen Cynthia

born Jan. 3, 1961

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Shannon Lynn

born July 31, 1962

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Janine Lois

born March 20, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationJoseph Abraham Toews

born June 4, 1931

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: 129 Crofton Bay

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Dispatcher

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church

(General Conference); later,

Sterling Ave. Mennonite Church

(Evangelical Mennonite Church)

Married to Agnes Leppky

on Oct. 6, 1957

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Feb. 18, 1932

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Niverville Mennonite Church

(Gen. Conference); later, Ster-

ling Ave. Mennonite Church

(Evangelical Mennonite Church)

5th Generation - ChildrenDonald Abraham

born Aug. 3, 1958

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Esther Agnes

born Dec. 8, 1961

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th GenerationDorothy Toews

born Sept. 12, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation:

Married to Art Sobering

on Dec. 5, 1953

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born April 27, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Dept. of Highways

Trucker

Church affiliation:

5th Generation - ChildrenArthur James

born June 24, 1954

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Beverly Anne

born Dec. 12, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaretha Toews was born and grew up in Steinbach, Manitoba. She was baptized and became a member of the Kleingemeinde in Steinbach. Her husband was Cornelius Ratzlaff from Jansen, Nebraska. They were married on August 24, 1893.

Cornelius Ratzlaff was born in Russia and was about 3 years old when his parents came to America. They also belonged to the Kleingemeinde, the same as most people in and around Steinbach.

Margaretha was only 15½ and Cornelius 22 when they got married. Most likely her mother's second marriage to a widower with several children and moving to Rosanhoff, 40 miles from Steinbach, played a part in her early marriage. They lived in Steinbach until the summer of 1901.

It is not sure whether they intended to move to Oregon or Odessa, Washington, but that was as far as they got. Most likely they went by train as far as Jansen and from there west by covered wagon, perhaps in company with other "trekkers" in real "Wyatt Erp" days style.

The Ratzlaff's going west, however, was not an isolated case or only one family's urge. Mrs. Ratzlaff's uncle, Abraham, has moved to Oregon in 1890 and had lived there by this time at least 10 years. Then, too, Cornelius Toews, an older uncle, moved to Bovina, Colorado in 1893 and on to Kirk, Colorado, in 1904 to a farm they bought. Since they were not citizens of the United States they could not take up homesteads.

In those days, it seems, the spirit of pioneering and taking advantage of the prevailing easy availability of possessing larger tracts of almost free land was in the heart of many early sturdy settlers. My father, too, was not so sure about his domicile in Manitoba and went to Oregon about a year before the Ratzlaffs to look at Oregon and Montana in which he later had an interest. The Ratzlaffs just did what many others did.

Leaving Steinbach for Mrs. Ratzlaff was not easy. Here she had her brothers and sisters, an established home, a good garden which she loved very much and five little children, the youngest, Maria, only about 6 months. As she has feared, the trip proved too severe for the infant and she died in Washington when only a little over a year old.

On the way for some weeks, travelling by wagon, they got into Washington, an arid, bare, hilly and dusty country. Not far on the other side of Spokane they just had to stop to give the family a rest. The dry climate was especially hard on the children and the mother. They made a stop at the first place that was conveniently located and had fresh water. The place was Odessa, Washington. It was 60 miles southwest of Spokane and 40 miles southeast of the present Grand Coulee dam.

Today this is the best wheat-growing country in the world. Further north and west the land is irrigated from the Grand Coulee dam reservoir. Mr. Ratzlaff was correct in his calculations, only he was a half century ahead of his time. Others caught his vision much later.

But at that time Odessa was not so inviting and they did not stay very long. They did not even go any further west when the family again was in shape to travel. They were only 80 miles from the Oregon State line and 300 miles from Portland which was located on the Lewis and Clark trail, the easiest way through the mountains. As it was, the family just couldn't go any further and here was water and a few settlers. Odessa became their temporary home and the farthest venture into the West.

Mr. Ratzlaff loved to blacksmith and carried his anvil, forge and tools with him. In no time he set up shop and was in business. Most of his work was shoeing horses. Much of the ground was rocky and the horses needed much attention.

The business part wasn't too bad, the home gave them much more trouble. Not only humans went for the cool places with water, the snakes did too. One time Mrs. Ratzlaff saw a large snake heading for the house, rushed to the door and trapped it. She kept it pinned in with the door until she got help.

At another time, when the children were playing close to a rock pile a rattler went for them. Their small dog noticed the snake and placed himself between it and the children. The snake struck the dog but the children were spared. The mother and children were scared of snakes the rest of their days.

But the blacksmithing also had its trials. One day while Mr. Ratzlaff was busily working in his shop a man approached him and in no uncertain terms demanded that his horse be shod immediately and within minutes. The horse was ready in quick order. Mr. Ratzlaff sensing the imperative and urgency wasted no time and did his job as fast as he could. As soon as he was done the man got on the horse and was off.

Not much later it was established that this rider had been Dick Tracy or one of his gang. Tracy (Dick) had escaped from the Salem, Oregon jail and was roaming the land doing what the James boys did, steal, murder and plunder, taking from those who had and giving to those who had not. One day when he saw an old lady walking in the rain without an umbrella he broke into a store and got her an umbrella.

Tracy later was betrayed. While he waited for a message in a barn a posse rode with the sun and cornered him. He ran out into the grain field and there killed himself to avoid capture and being hanged.

(We thank Mrs. Katherine Ratzlaff - the deceased Peter Ratzlaff's wife - for some of this information, most sincerely.)

Here in Odessa was born on July 30, 1902 their daughter, Annie, mentally deficient and helpless all her life. In the picture below we have the parents and Annie.



Annie died in New Westminster, B. C., in a mental home where she was taken when her mother died on April 2, 1938. But Annie couldn't live without her mother and also died on Sept. 2, 1938, only 5 months after her mother's death.

In 1903 the Ratzlaffs came back to Steinbach. They lived in a little house where we now have J. R. Friesen's garage car lot. Next to their place was Klaas Friesen's steam engine repair shop. Across the street where now C. T. Loewen's business is located was our house and barn with a big haystack at the back.

We children often got together and played. One day Pete Ratzlaff, about a year older than I (it is his wife that helped me with this report), played threshing in our barn. We put hay into a little wagon, got matches and a rock to strike them on and made the "engine" smoke. We tried to put out the fire with a dipper but the pump did not work fast enough and the whole place was soon in flames.

In our fright, Pete and I ran to the Ratzlaff house and hid under a bed while the flames tried to consume the barn. We did not stay there very long, however; we had been the suspected

arsonists and were soon spied out. As far as I remember, nothing happened to us. I will never forget though how I watched the villagers work feverishly to save the barn and nearby other buildings. Even in much later years I often went to look at the charred boards and when the barn was moved to Jacob Barkman's farm north of town (the home place of the present mayor of Steinbach), I passed the place with a furtive look at the charred end of the barn.

The Ratzlaffs left Steinbach again in 1904 for Herbert Saskatchewan. Their next child, Katharina, was born in Main Centre, the station on the C.P.R. line immediately east of Herbert. Their farm was a mile north of Herbert. Once more Mr. Ratzlaff set up a blacksmith shop in town and did well. Once more they pioneered with many other homesteaders on lands given away by the Canadian government since Saskatchewan became a province in 1905. Herbert mushroomed overnight into a good-sized thriving frontier town.



The Ratzlaff farm
north of town



The main street
of Herbert



The pioneers used oxen and some horses. This is an ox team on the early Herbert streets

This is Cornelius Ratzlaff's blacksmith shop just off the Herbert Main Street. Henry, now living in Dallas, Ore., is one of the boys standing in the door.



Here we have Mr. and Mrs. Ratzlaff displaying cherries and watermelons which they raised on their property at Abbotsford, British Columbia. They moved here in their later years and were often homesick for the prairies. The parents and Annie moved together and they all died in 1938 only a few months apart.



Here on the left we have Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Ratzlaff and on the right Mr. and Mrs. John Reimer. The picture was taken in the Ratzlaff home at Herbert when the Reimers visited them. Mrs. Reimer was Elizabeth, the oldest child of Peter Toews and Mrs. Ratzlaff was Margaretha, the third youngest child of the Peter Toews' eight children. The Ratzlaffs were members of the Mennonite Brethren church and the Reimers members of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite (Holdeman).



This picture was taken when Henry Ratzlaff from Dallas visited his parents at Abbotsford, B.C. Henry stands to the right of his father; Mrs. Ratzlaff stands on the left. The one on far right is Nettie, who is now in the Mennonite nursing home in Winnipeg. I regret that I do not definitely know the names of the other members of the family in the picture.



3rd GenerationMargaretha Reimer Toews

born Dec. 7, 1877 at Steinbach, Manitoba
died April 2, 1938 at Abbotsford, B. C.
of cancer and stroke
Age: 60 years, 3 mo. 26 days
Church affiliation: Formerly, Kleingemeinde (Evang. Menn. Church); later, Mennonite Brethren
Married to Cornelius J. Ratzlaff
born May 20, 1871 in Russia
died Aug. 8, 1938 at Abbotsford, B. C.
of coronary thrombosis
Age: 72 years, 2 mo., 18 days
Occupation: Blacksmith and Farmer
Church affil.: Formerly, Kleingemeinde (Evang. Menn. Church); later, Mennonite Brethren

4th Generation - ChildrenElizabeth

born May 10, 1894 at Steinbach, Manitoba
died May 15, 1959 at Abbotsford, B. C.

Margaretha

born Sept. 18, 1895 at Steinbach, Manitoba
died Feb. 27, 1957 at Herbert, Sask.

Henry

born July 5, 1897 at Steinbach, Manitoba
Peter

born Nov. 28, 1898 at Steinbach, Manitoba
died Nov. 12, 1959 at Everett, Wash.

Maria

born Feb. 10, 1901 at Steinbach, Man.
died Aug. 2, 1902 at Odessa, Wash.

Annie

born July 3, 1902 at Odessa, Wash.
died Sept. 2, 1938 at Abbotsford, B.C.
Age: 36 years, 1 month, 2 days

Katharina

born Aug. 24, 1904 at Main Centre, Sask.
died June 12, 1905 at Main Centre, Sask.

John

born April 1, 1906 at Main Centre, Sask.

Nettie

born Aug. 9, 1907 at Herbert, Sask.
Inmate of the Bethania Home, R.R. 1, Box 38, Winnipeg, Man.

Ben

born July 26, 1910 at Herbert, Sask.

Dave

born Jan. 3, 1913 at Herbert, Sask.

Tena

born July 10, 1914 at Herbert, Sask.

Helen

born June 10, 1916 at Herbert, Sask.
Now staying in the Bethania Home, R.R. 1, Box 38, Winnipeg

Abram

born Feb. 17, 1918 at Herbert, Sask.

Mary

born Aug. 17, 1920 at Steinbach, Man.

4th GenerationElizabeth Ratzlaff

born May 10, 1894 at Steinbach, Man.
died May 15, 1959 at Abbotsford, B.C.
of heart trouble
Age: 60 years, 5 days
Church affil.: Always, Evang. Menn. Brethren
Married to Peter S.

Reimer on Mar. 9, 1912

at Steinbach, Man.
born April 30, 1890 at Steinbach, Man.
died July 20, 1958 at Abbotsford, B.C.
of a blood clot
Age: 68 years, 2 mo., 20 days
Occupation: Mechanic
Church affil.: Always, Evang. Menn. Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenHarvey

born Jan. 25, 1913 at Steinbach, Man.
died Aug. 14, 1916 at Steinbach, Man.

Margareth

born Jan. 13, 1915 at Steinbach, Man.

Alfred

born Aug. 23, 1916 at Steinbach, Man.

Elmer

born Dec. 20, 1918 at Steinbach, Man.

Harvey

born Oct. 25, 1921 at (?)



Third and second from the right are the Peter S. Reimers. Taken at Abbotsford on the Ratzlaff home place.

Caroline

born Jan. 2, 1924 at (?)

Peter

born Feb. 25, 1926 at (?)

Henry

born Sept. 30, 1928 at (?)

John

born July 11, 1930 at (?)

Bernhard

born Feb. 29, 1932 at (?)



This is the Peter S. Reimer family (Elizabeth Ratzlaff) in its earlier years. From left to right: Elmer, Mrs. Reimer, Alfred, Margaret, Harvey, Caroline, Mr. Reimer (taken in Winnipeg)

5th Generation

Margareth Reimer
 born Jan. 13, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: R.R. 2, Shoultes
 Maryville, Wash.
 Profession: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)
 Married to Richard Wiebe
 in Aug. 1940
 at (?)
 born (?)
 at (?)
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)

6th Generation - Children

Robert
 born July 20, 1949
 at (?)

Howard
 born April 28, 1952
 at (?)

5th Generation

Alfred Reimer
 born Aug. 23, 1916
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 4th Ave.
 Bothwell, Washington
 Occupation: Minister of
 the Gospel
 Church affiliation: (?)
 Married to: Mary Wiebe
 in Oct. 1934
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born September 1920
 at (?)
 Profession: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)

6th Generation - Children

Mervin
 born Feb. 25, 1935
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Vernon
 born Sept. 20, 1951
 in Washington

6th Generation

Mervin Reimer
 born Feb. 25, 1935
 in Washington
 Address: (?)
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)
 Married to: (?)
 on June 1, 1954
 at (?)
 born (?)
 at (?)
 Profession: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)

7th Generation - Children

Richard and Ronnie (twins)
 born Jan. 1955
 at (?)

5th Generation

Elmer Reimer
 born Dec. 20, 1918
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: 99 - 14th Roxboro
 Quebec, Quebec, Canada
 Occupation: Drapery Business
 Church affiliation: (?)
 Married to Mary Matheson
 born June 15, 1917
 at (?)
 born June 15, 1917
 at (?)
 Profession: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)

5th Generation

Harvey Reimer
 born Oct. 25, 1921
 at (?)
 Address: (?)
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)
 Married to Jacqueline Morrison
 on July 1942
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Aug. 20, 1925
 at (?)
 Profession: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)

6th Generation - Children

Robin Elaine
 born July 3, 1945
 at (?)

5th Generation

Caroline Reimer
 born Jan. 2, 1924
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba (?)
 Address: Mallardville, B. C.
 Profession: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)
 Married to Wilfred Treleaven
 in April 1942
 at (?)
 born Sept. 11, 1914
 at (?)
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)

5th Generation - Children

Elaine (adopted)
 born May 2, 1947
 at (?)

Krege Scott (adopted)
 born March 22, 1951
 at (?)

5th Generation

Peter Reimer
 born Feb. 25, 1926
 at Winnipeg, Man. (?)
 Address: (?)
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affil.: (?)
 Married to Lula Doerksen
 on July 1946
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Aug. 30, 1927
 at (?)
 Profession (?)
 Church affil.: (?)

6th Generation - Children

Richard
 born June 30, 1947
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Russel
 born Oct. 23, 1948
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Ronnie
 born Jan. 21, 1951
 at (?)

Shawna
 born Oct. 3, 1954
 at (?)

5th Generation

Henry Reimer
 born Sept. 20, 1928
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Address: 2205 State St.
 Everett, Washington
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affil.: (?)
 Married to Wanda Doerksen
 on Jan. 14, 1950
 at (?) Winnipeg
 born Aug. 23, 1930
 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession (?)
 Church affil.: (?)

6th Generation - Children

Debie
 born April 22, 1953
 at (?)

Lawnie
 born Nov. 7, 1955
 at (?)

5th Generation

John Reimer
 born July 11, 1930
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Address: (?)
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affil.: (?)
 Married to Annie Hewn
 on May 21, 1954
 at (?)
 born Aug. 3, 1935
 at (?)
 Profession (?)
 Church affil.: (?)

4th Generation

Margaretha Ratzlaff
 born Sept. 18, 1895
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Feb. 27, 1957
 at Herbert, Sask.
 of a stroke and heart
 trouble
 Age: 61 yrs., 5 mo., 9 da.
 Before marriage no church
 affil.; after marriage,
 Seventh Day Adventist
 Married to Henry J. Gies-
brecht on Oct. 12, 1913
 at Herbert, Sask.
 born Nov. 11, 1884
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Address: Herbert, Sask.
 Occupation: Drayman
 Before and after marriage
 affiliated with the Sev-
 enth Day Adventists

5th Generation - Children

Edna Hannah
 born Oct. 19, 1914
 at Herbert, Sask.

Viola Agnes
 born April 9, 1916
 at Herbert, Sask.

Nick
 born Jan. 26, 1918
 at Herbert, Sask.

Lillian Elsie
 born Oct. 3, 1924
 at Herbert, Sask.

Cornelius Elmer
 born May 26, 1929
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Address: Vancouver, B. C.
 Occupation: Longshoreman
 Has no church affil.

Gladys Katharine
 born Aug. 20, 1935
 at Herbert, Sask.

The Giesbrechts were married in Herbert and lived there all their lives except for about two years when they lived in Waldheim, Sask. and Steinbach, Manitoba. In 1923 they moved back to Herbert when Mr. Giesbrecht had a dray business. He drayed with horses in town until 1929 when he opened a house-moving business. He had this business until he retired in 1955.

5th GenerationEdna Giesbrecht

born Oct. 19, 1914

at Herbert, Sask.

Address: Box 513,

Herbert, Sask.

Church affiliation: None
givenMarried to Leonard Toews

on July 25, 1934

at Herbert, Sask.

born (?)

at Stuartburn, Manitoba

Occupation: Shoe store and
repairsChurch affiliation: None
given6th Generation - ChildrenDoris Marjorie

born Feb. 5, 1935

at Herbert, Sask.

James Kenneth

born Nov. 28, 1940

at Herbert, Sask.

6th GenerationDoris Marjorie Giesbrecht

born Feb. 5, 1935

at Herbert, Sask.

Address: 112 Angus St.

Regins, Sask.

Profession: Secretary

Church affiliation: None
givenMarried to Stanley Ewert

on (?)

at (?)

born (?)

at (?)

Occupation: The head radio

technician for the Canadian

Broadcasting Commission in

Regina, Saskatchewan

Church affiliation: None
given7th Generation - ChildrenKellyann

born Feb. 16, 1960

at Regina, Sask.

Robert Leonard

born Sept. 13, 1965

at Regina, Sask.

6th GenerationJames Kenneth Taves (Toews)

born Nov. 28, 1940

at Herbert, Sask.

Address: 3525 Avenhurst

Drive, Regina, Sask.

Occupation: Radio announcer

Church affiliation: None
givenMarried to Elsie Goertzen

on (?)

at Morse, Sask.

born (?)

at Morse, Sask.

Profession: Registered

Laboratory Technician

Church affiliation: None
given

(No children)

James is a radio announcer in Regina for the Canadian Broadcasting Commission. On the 15th of May he will go to Edmonton, Alta. to relieve summer vacationers at the Canadian Broadcasting Commission's Television Station. He will be there until Sept. 15, when he will return to his present job in Regina. This will give him TV experience which is what he wants.

Leonard Toews (no relation) did two vital things for the Toews family: First, he married one of our fine Toews girls, and secondly, by means of his bugle, induced many a Toews cow, whose milk you and I enjoyed, to join his marching cow ranks to the pasture fields.

Leonard, now a businessman in Herbert, Saskatchewan, and his brother, Bill, now an operator of a "young town and jewelry store" in Steinbach (sons of Cornelius Toews, also called "shoosta Toews" of Steinbach) used to take the Steinbach cows every day at 7 a.m. sharp, out to the pasture. To let the cows and milkers know when it was time to leave for the field, Leonard and Bill used to blow their bugles as they paraded their ever-increasing herd along the dreamy pastoral village street. The call of the cows' bugle roused the whole village to action. It was the overture of the day's life in a village wriggling itself out of the pupa of the night, to embark upon the activities of blissful adulthood. Leonard here, with some editorializing on my part, describes how he and his brother, Bill, the two bugle-blowing cow-callers, did their most unique job of

Cow Soldiering

As for myself, yes, I did blow the bugle for the "soldiering of the cows" in Steinbach. I say "soldiering" because not only humans can be regimented to respond almost automatically to the call of the bugle, cows can too, and Bill and I did it. How those dear darling cows must have missed those bugle calls during the quarantine of those cold and long winter months!

That first morning of the bugle-calling season brought out the cows like the Pied Piper did the rats. The cows just could not refrain from coming out to the street and wistfully march with the rest of them to the promised grass at the other end of the village. The tardy milker with his pail was kicked all over the place when that bugle sounded and it was time to go.

Our bugle calls were always on the dot at 7 a.m. Believe it or not, even if "them there cows" did not wear uniforms they had training in falling in line and marching in precise Canadian manner, rain or shine, "Donner und Blitzen."

It was my good brother Bill's job to break in the "newcomers" to the herd. They just had to become good respectable

marching mother cows. No efforts were spared to train for an acceptable, dignified performance conducive to good cow rapport. Utmost pains were taken not to deflate the egos of overly anxious owners by any ill behavior that some inexperienced and scatter-brained heifer would irresponsibly introduce.

In those early days Steinbach's air still wasn't polluted and lots of fresh air and buns helped us boys to develop good lungs. We could outchase every straying novice to the herd. Even our collie dog sometimes was astounded by the way we barefoot boys could take off.

If my memory doesn't fail me, our paramount services to the village and highly self-esteemed possessors of those endeared cows, was during the years of 1925, 1926 and 1927. This was just before the big stock crash in New York in 1929. I suppose this calamity just had to come when we quit our job. Our services, Bill's and mine, bugling, walking 8 miles a day, and being pacifying and pleasant companions to those darling cows on their lonesome trail to the village pasture, was worth \$25.00 a month for the both of us.

But there were other rewards, some of those I still enjoy to recall. For instance, I can still see Mr. Kreutzer, the village blacksmith, and with whose boys we chummed a lot, one morning a little late, now milking at top speed, when that bugle sounded to fall in line and join the ranks of the herd. The pail was almost full when the passion and urge for "soldiering" overcame bossie so forcefully that she kicked the pail, milker and milk in different directions and took off, ceremoniously, with its tail way up, to take her place in the marching ranks of the village maneuvering cow phalanx to the distant fields that always look greener. I found out later from the boys in a round about way, that they ate their cereal that morning with the milk that had been milked at 5:30 the night before and had not been kept in a refrigerator either.

But - to all of us those were good days which will never return, but our many pleasant memories about them and our "cow soldiering," remain.

5th GenerationViola Agnes Giesbrecht

born April 9, 1916

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: New Westminster,

British Columbia, Canada

Married to William Goertzen

on Oct. 29, 1939

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

born Oct. 12, 1912

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Occupation:

6th Generation - ChildrenRichard Grant

born Sept. 29, 1940

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Occupation: X-ray Technician

Richard received his education in Herbert where he left for the Coast on July 1, 1962. He is now the head X-ray technician in the Richmond Hospital, Vancouver, B. C. He took his training in the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster and received his diploma in 1961.

5th GenerationNick Henry Giesbrecht

born Jan. 26, 1918

at Herbert, Sask.

Address: 14331 Sunset Drive

White Rock, B. C.

Occupation: Longshoreman,

checking at the docks

Church affiliation: Before

marriage, none; later became

a Christian and joined the

Baptist Church

Married to Stella Ruth Froese

on Oct. 3, 1939

at Herbert, Sask.

born Aug. 7, 1918

at Rush Lake, Sask.

Church affiliation: Earlier,

none; when converted later

joined the Baptist Church

6th Generation - ChildrenKeron Leroy

born June 1, 1942

at Calgary, Alberta

6th GenerationKeron Leroy Giesbrecht

born June 1, 1942

at Calgary, Alberta

Address: 2341 Coast Meridian

Road, R.R. 4, White Rock,

British Columbia

Occupation: Drapery business

Church affiliation: Baptist

before and after marriage

Married to Judy Wiebe

on May 15, 1965

at Aldergrove, B. C.

born Oct. 21, 1942

at Saskatoon, Sask.

Profession: Bank clerk

Church affiliation: Baptist

5th GenerationLilian Elsie Giesbrecht

born Oct. 3, 1924

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: North Surrey, B. C.
CanadaMarried to John Makuch

on Dec. 8, 1944

at

born Jan. 6, 1916

at Calgary, Alberta

Occupation: Body man

6th Generation - Children

This picture is taken on the home place of Cornelius J. Ratzlaff at Abbotsford, British Columbia. From left to right we have: John T. Ratzlaff, Tacoma, Washington
Mrs. Peter Giesbrecht, Vanderhoof, British Columbia, John's sister.
Mrs. John Makuch, North Surrey, B.C., formerly Lilian Elsie Giesbrecht, a daughter of Margaretha Ratzlaff.
Mrs. Peter Hildebrandt, formerly Mary Ratzlaff, John's and Tena's sister, now living at Abbotsford

5th GenerationGladys Katherine Giesbrecht

born August 20, 1935

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: Haney, B. C., Canada

Married to Floyd Carsen Vandergrift

on February 5, 1952

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

born July 16, 1933

at Aneroid, Saskatchewan

Occupation: Automotive Partsman

Affiliated with the United Church
of Canada; later, no affiliation6th Generation - ChildrenBrenda Lynn

born Aug. 21, 1952

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Janet Lea

born May 26, 1954

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Lori - Jo

born July 3, 1962

at Haney, B. C., Canada

Timothy Scott

born Jan. 16, 1964

at Haney, B. C., Canada

4th GenerationHenry Toews Ratzlaff

born July 5, 1897

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Blacksmith

Church affil.: Before marriage, none; after marriage, Apostolic Faith

Married to Sadie Harder

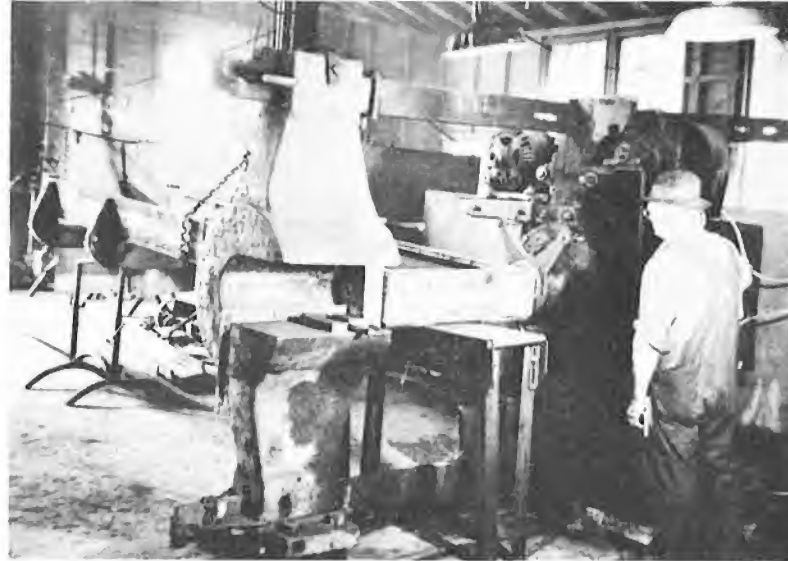
on Sept. 2, 1917

at Herbert, Sask.

born May 13, 1898

at Pine Hill, Manitoba

Church affil.: None before marriage; later, Apostolic Faith

5th Generation - ChildrenBernice - Margaretha

born July 19, 1918

at Herbert, Sask.

Orlanda Violet

born Oct. 16, 1927

at Dallas, Oregon

Leslie Basil

born March 22, 1932

at Dallas, Oregon



Their house in south Dallas. It stands high up on a hill and towards the rear of the house is a long deep valley. Standing in front is their youngest son, Leslie.



Here we see the Ratzlaffs with their first baby, Bernice, who now is a grandmother herself, Mrs. Woodrow Jones. The Jones' have a nice grocery store in town. When we lived in Dallas we usually bought our groceries from them. Henry plays the clarinet in the church orchestra. He attends to his weekly practice with great punctuality. How can churches and clubs get along without youngsters like this.

Here we see Henry operating a heavy press bringing a frame into precision. Henry has been working for Gerlingers in Dallas, Oregon, manufacturing high carriers and loaders, since 1923. He plans to retire in July 1966 when he will be 69. In his basement, Henry has several useful machines that he uses to make toys, puzzles and useful things around the house. He is the leader of several boys clubs that make these. Last fall he filled the trunk of our car with the things the boys had made to give away.

Mrs. Toews gave those to her special students in the special district here in St. Louis. They send Henry their "thank you" in this manner.

Henry continued to write: "When I retire in July we plan to make a trip to Winnipeg to see my sister Nettie in the Bethania Nursing Home. I haven't seen her since 1938. We also intend to go to Steinbach to our many friends and relatives. Mrs. Ratzlaff is not well but still can do the work around the house. It is my daily prayer that the Lord may guide us all in what we have for our daily task. We wish you all the Lord's richest blessings."

5th GenerationBernice Ratzlaff

born July 19, 1918

at Herbert, Sask.

Address: Dallas, Ore.

Profession: Store-keeper

Church affil.: None

Married to Woodrow Jones

on March 1, 1936

at Dallas, Oregon

born Aug. 31, 1917

at Oregon City, Ore.

Occupation: Store-keeper

Church affil.: None

6th Generation - ChildrenDarril

born Oct. 21, 1936

at Dallas, Oregon

Dennis

born Aug. 9, 1941

at Coquille, Oregon

Sandra

born Jan. 29, 1944

at Dallas, Oregon

6th GenerationDarril Jones

born Oct. 21, 1936

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Store clerk

Church affiliation: None

Married to Judith Arlene Richter

on July 22, 1960

at Dallas, Oregon

born April 17, 1944

at Dallas, Oregon

Church affil.: Always,

Methodist

7th Generation - ChildrenDaryl Wayne

born on March 10, 1961

at Oahu, Hawaii

David Douglas

born March 17, 1963

at Oahu, Hawaii

6th GenerationDennis Jones

born Aug. 9, 1941

at Coquille, Oregon

Address: Albany, Oregon

Occupation: Meat Cutter

Church affiliation: None

Married to Cecilia MariePascoe on Jan. 20, 1961

at Dallas, Oregon

born Oct. 10, 1941

at Butte, Montana

Church affil.: Catholic

7th Generation - ChildrenDenise Kay

born July 6, 1961

at Salem, Oregon

6th GenerationSandra Kay Jones

born Jan. 29, 1944

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Profession: Stenographer

Church affiliation: none

Married to James Van Bibber

on Aug. 21, 1965

at Dallas, Oregon

born Sept. 17, 1943

at Westville, Oklahoma

Occupation: "Rehab"

Church affiliation: None

5th GenerationOrlanda Violet Ratzlaff

born Oct. 16, 1927

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Klamath Falls, Oregon

Church affil.: Formerly, none;

now, Christian Church

Married to Milton Baker

on Jan. 24, 1948

at Vancouver, Washington

born Aug. 3, 1926

at Oregon City, Oregon

Occupation: Diesel Mechanic

Church affil.: Formerly, none;

now, Christian Church

6th Generation - ChildrenRichard Wayne

born April 29, 1949

at Klamath Falls, Oregon

Student at present

Ronald Allen

born March 24, 1952

at Klamath Falls, Oregon

Patricia Ann

born June 27, 1954

at Klamath Falls, Oregon

Pamela Kay

born Dec. 23, 1959

at Klamath Falls, Oregon

5th GenerationLeslie Basil Ratzlaff

born March 22, 1932

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Eureka, California

Occupation: Fisherman

Church affiliation:

Married to Shirly Gorden

on Oct. 16, 1954

at

born

at

Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenScott Allen

born July 28, 1953

at Eureka, California

Vickie Jo

born June 29, 1957

at Eureka, California

Kevin Bryon

born July 14, 1959

at Eureka, California

4th GenerationPeter Toews Ratzlaff

born Nov. 29, 1898

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Nov. 11, 1959

at Everett, Washington

of heart trouble

Age: 59 years, 11 months,
12 daysOccupation: Painter and ply-
wood expert

Church affiliation: None

Married to Katherine Harms

on Jan. 24, 1923

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

born Oct. 18, 1904

at Main Centre, Saskatchewan

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite Brethren; now, Ch.
of the Nazarene5th Generation - ChildrenHannah Henrietta

born Dec. 5, 1923

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Marjory Mary

born March 31, 1925

at Dallas, Oregon

Ruth Irene

born July 7, 1928

at Anacortes, Washington

Clarence John

born Aug. 23, 1929

at Anacortes, Washington

James Peter

born May 22, 1936

at Anacortes, Washington

5th GenerationHannah Henrietta Ratzlaff

born Dec. 5, 1923

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: Tacoma, Washington

Church affiliation:

Married to Lloyd E. Hansen

on Aug. 19, 1942

at Seattle, Washington

born Sept. 28, 1917

at Anacortes, Washington

Occupation: Plywood Factory

Timekeeper

Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - ChildrenLani Kae

born Feb. 28, 1944

at Anacortes, Washington

Profession: Office worker

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Harold Bernhart

born Nov. 30, 1949

at Tacoma, Washington

Student at present

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Randi Ann

born Nov. 8, 1951

at Tacoma, Washington

5th GenerationMarjory Mary Ratzlaff

born March 31, 1925

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Anacortes, Washington

Church affiliation:

Married to Donald Bruce McDugle

on Aug. 9, 1943

at Anacortes, Washington

born Sept. 28, 1919

in Washington

Occupation: Dairy, Milk Dis-
penserChurch affiliation: Baptist,
now; formerly, none6th Generation - ChildrenBruce Donald

born July 1, 1945

at Anacortes, Washington

Student in college

Church affiliation: Baptist

Douglas

born March 2, 1949

at Anacortes, Washington

Student at present

Church affiliation: Baptist

Brian Lee

born July 25, 1952

at Anacortes, Washington

Robert Lloyd

born Oct. 26, 1954

at Anacortes, Washington

5th GenerationRuth Irene Ratzlaff

born July 7, 1928

at Anacortes, Washington

Address: San Jose, California

Church affiliation:

Married to Eugene Robert Swensen

on Aug. 17, 1952

at Everett, Washington

born June 28, 1927

in Washington

Occupation: Plumber

Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - ChildrenKathy Lynn Swenson

born Nov. 8, 1955

at Mount Vernon, Washington

Rebecca Ann

born Nov. 6, 1957

at Mount Vernon, Washington

5th Generation

Clarence John Ratzlaff
born Aug. 23, 1923
at Anacortes, Washington
Address: Moses Lake, Washington
Occupation: Air Force Sergeant
Church affiliation: Formerly,
none; now, Church of the Nazarene
Married to Nellie Margaret
Anderson on July 7, 1943
at Biloxi, Mississippi
born June 1922
at Biloxi, Mississippi
Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

John
born June 15, 1949
at Biloxi, Mississippi
Student at present
Church affiliation: Church of
the Nazarene

Joseph Dohl
born Oct. 30, 1952
at Biloxi, Mississippi
Church affiliation: Church of
the Nazarene

James Dennis
born Feb. 20, 1954
at Seattle, Washington

Margaret Ann
born Sept. 12, 1956
at Seattle, Washington

Betty Jean
born May 1, 1957
at Seattle, Washington

5th Generation

James Peter Ratzlaff
born May 22, 1936
at Anacortes, Washington
Occupation: Constructing Highways
Church affiliation: Always,
Church of the Nazarene
Married to Joyce May Ballard
on Aug. 12, 1955
at Everett, Washington
born Oct. 2, 1938
at Shermon, Texas
Church affiliation: Always,
Church of the Nazarene

6th Generation - Children

Loretta Kay
born Dec. 4, 1956
at Vancouver, Washington
Church affiliation: Church of
the Nazarene

James Peter
born March 16, 1958
at Everett, Washington
Church affiliation: Church of
the Nazarene

Jacky Lee
born Jan. 14, 1960
at Everett, Washington

Jerry Dean
born March 23, 1964
at Everett, Washington

4th Generation

John Toews Ratzlaff
born April 1, 1906
at Main Centre, Sask.
Address: Tacoma 4, Wash.
3836 East "G" Street
Occupation: Purchasing Agent
Church affil.: Pentecost
Married to Agnes Funk
on March 14, 1927
at Main Centre, Sask.
born on Jan. 6, 1907
at Gruenfeld, Manitoba
Church affil.: Pentecost

5th Generation - Children

Lorraine Leona
born Feb. 2, 1929
at Anacortes, Washington

William Eugene
born Dec. 20, 1935
at Anacortes, Washington

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John Ratzlaff writes:

"Your letter is very inter-
esting and we will try to
give all information. We
moved to Anacortes, Wash.
later in 1927. Both of
our children were born
there. Now our whole fam-
ily lives in Tacoma where
we have lived since 1936 -
now 30 years."

(Thank you John for the
fine report. apt)

5th Generation

Lorraine Leona Ratzlaff
born Feb. 2, 1929
at Anacortes, Washington
Address: Tacoma, Washington
Church affiliation: Catholic
Married to James Francis Cline
on Oct. 1, 1947
at Tacoma, Washington
born (?)
at (?)
Occupation: Has an electrical
appliance business
Church affiliation: Catholic

6th Generation - Children

Stephen James
born July 20, 1948
at Tacoma, Washington

Christina Lorraine
born August 10, 1949
at Tacoma, Washington

Angela Leona
born March 18, 1952
at Tacoma, Washington

Melina Margret
born Dec. 5, 1954
at Tacoma, Washington

Robert Francis
born Jan. 3, 1956
at Tacoma, Washington

Joseph William
born August 7, 1962
at Tacoma, Washington

5th Generation

William Eugene Ratzlaff
 born Dec. 20, 1935
 at Anacortes, Washington
 Address: Tacoma, Washington
 Occupation: Industrial Hardware Salesman
 Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran
 Married to Myra Judy Brunner
 in 1953
 in Tacoma, Washington
 born (?)
 at (?)
 Profession (?)
 Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Brian John
 born April 17, 1954
 at Tacoma, Washington

Keri Lynn
 born Sept. 15, 1956
 at Tacoma, Washington

Scott David
 born Dec. 27, 1959
 at Tacoma, Washington

William and his wife are Lutherans. He teaches a Sunday School class, is the church's assistant superintendent and serves on various church committees.

4th Generation

Ben Toews Ratzlaff
 born July 26, 1910
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Address: In care of May's Esso Service Station, Moose Jaw, Sask.
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affil.: None given
 Married to Mary Wiebe
 on July 24, 1934
 at Herbert, Sask.
 born Sept. 13, 1913
 in Russia
 Church affiliation: None given

5th Generation - Children

Harvey
 born Dec. 4, 1935
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Occupation: Construction
 Church affil.: None given

Ernest
 born April 13, 1940
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Occupation: Trucker
 Church affil.: None given

Clifford
 born April 18, 1945
 at Swift Current, Sask.

5th Generation

Clifford Ratzlaff
 born April 18, 1945
 at Swift Current, Sask.
 Address: Swift Current, Sask.
 Occupation: Furniture mover
 Church affil.: None given
 Married to Patricia Mae
 on March 9, 1963
 at Moose Jaw, Sask.
 born Jan. 22, 1945
 at Gravelbourg, Sask.
 Church affil.: Apostolic

6th Generation - Children

Brent Clifford
 born July 31, 1963
 at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Michael Ernest
 born Sept. 25, 1964
 at Moose Jaw, Sask.

4th GenerationDavid Toews Ratzlaff

born Jan. 3, 1913

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: Abbotsford, B.C.
Canada

Occupation: Paving Roads

Married to Katie Klassen

on Aug. 14, 1938

at Abbotsford, B. C.

born Dec. 21, 1915

in Samara, Russia

Church affiliation before
marriage, Mennonite Brethren;
later, the Christian Mis-
sionary Alliance5th Generation - ChildrenElvin Kenneth

born Aug. 17, 1939

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Jerry Keith

born March 16, 1942

at New Westminster, B. C.

Occupation: Construction work

Marilyn Joy

born April 10, 1949

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Gloria Ann

born Feb. 21, 1954

at Abbotsford, B. C.

5th GenerationElvin Kenneth Ratzlaff

born Aug. 17, 1939

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Address: Clearbrook, B. C.
Canada

Occupation: Baker

Before marriage affiliated
with the Christian Mission-
ary Alliance; later, no
affiliationMarried to Mary Kirner

on June 11, 1961

at Abbotsford, B. C.

born Feb. 11, 1941

at Grande Prairie, Alberta

Church affiliation has

always been Anglican

6th Generation - ChildrenClark Andrew

born Aug. 14, 1962

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Connie Lyn

born Feb. 23, 1965

at White Rock, B. C.

4th GenerationKatherine Ratzlaff

born July 10, 1914

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: Vanderhoof, B. C.

Church affiliation:

Married to Peter E. Giesbrecht

on Feb. 29, 1936

at Abbotsford, B. C.

born May 6, 1909

at Waldheim, Saskatchewan

Occupation: Trucking

Church affiliation:

5th Generation - ChildrenCorny Norman

born Jan. 8, 1937

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Lavern Ross

born Nov. 12, 1938

at Waldheim, Saskatchewan

Kenneth Ronald

born Jan. 3, 1945

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Sandra Joan

born Jan. 14, 1946

at Sumas, Washington

Harold James

born Aug. 3, 1949

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Elizabeth Anne

born Sept. 29, 1950

at Abbotsford, B. C.

Grace Doris

born Sept. 21, 1952

at Vanderhoof, B. C.

5th GenerationCorny Norman Giesbrecht

born Jan. 8, 1937

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: Vanderhoof, B. C.

Occupation: Graderman

Church affiliation:

Married to Bertha Berg

on August 4, 1956

at Vanderhoof, B. C.

born Oct. 1, 1935

at

Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenCorine Evelyn

born Oct. 6, 1957

at Vanderhoof, B. C.

Bruce Gregory

born March 19, 1959

at Vanderhoof, B. C.

Becky Angela

born Feb. 28, 1961

at Vanderhoof, B. C.

Wayne Kirk

born April 17, 1963

at Vanderhoof, B. C.

5th Generation

Lavern Ross Giesbrecht
 born Nov. 12, 1938
 at Waldheim, Saskatchewan
 Address: Vanderhoof, B. C.
 Occupation: Truck Driver
 Church affiliation:
 Married to Valvery Trost
 on May 11, 1963
 at Springside, Saskatchewan
 born April 3, 1940
 at Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 Church affiliation: Baptist

6th Generation - Children

Darryle Kelly
 born Sept. 24, 1964
 at Vanderhoof, B. C.

5th Generation

Sandra Joan Giesbrecht
 born Jan. 14, 1946
 at Sumas, Washington
 Address: Vanderhoof, B. C.
 Church affiliation:
 Married to John Martens
 on Sept. 4, 1965
 at Vanderhoof, B. C.
 born Aug. 12, 1942
 at Burns Lake, B. C.
 Occupation: Trucking
 Church affiliation:

4th Generation

Abraham Toews Ratzlaff
 born Feb. 17, 1918
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 Address: R.R. 3, Roberts Road,
 Aldergrove, B. C.
 Occupation: Machine operator
 No church affiliation
 Married to Mary Harder
 on Jan. 10, 1964
 at Abbotsford, B. C.
 born Jan. 16, 1924
 Always had her church affilia-
 tion with the Mennonite General
 Conference

5th Generation-- Children

Stanley Allan Ratzlaff
 born Jan. 13, 1965
 at Abbotsford, B. C.

4th Generation

Mary Toews Ratzlaff
 born August 16, 1920
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Abbotsford, B. C.
 Profession: Practical Nurse
 Before marriage no church
 affiliation; later, a member
 of the Evangelical Mennonite
 Brethren; at present, none
 Married to Bazil Curtis Busby
 on Oct. 22, 1937
 at Mount Vernon, Washington
 born April 7, 1913
 at Medicine Hat, Alberta
 Occupation: Air Force mechanic
 Divorced in April 1955
 Married to Peter Franklin
Hildebrandt on Aug. 12, 1960
 at Abbotsford, B. C.
 born May 25, 1919
 at Neuendorf, Russia
 Occupation: Teacher
 Was a member of the Mennonite
 Conference; later, no church
 affiliation

5th Generation - Children

Roger George Busby
 born May 25, 1941
 at Abbotsford, B. C.

5th Generation

Roger George Busby
 born May 25, 1941
 at Abbotsford, B. C.
 Address: Port Alberni, B. C.
 Occupation: Butcher
 No church affiliations
 Married to Lana Mae Rhodes
 on May 20, 1961
 at Port Alberni, B. C.
 born April 6, 1942
 at Port Alberni, B. C.
 Profession: Telephone operator
 No church affiliations

6th Generation - Children

Vincent Lyle Busby
 born Aug. 27, 1962
 at Port Alberni, B. C.

Christopher Roger Busby
 born June 7, 1965
 at Port Alberni, B. C.

Uncle Klaas

Our Uncle Klaas R. Toews was one of Steinbach's best-known earlier citizens. He was not a wealthy man but his upright, thorough and enterprising principles received considerable recognition by those who knew him.

Uncle Klaas loved to live right in the middle of the community's greatest challenges and enterprises. Instead of moving along with his mother to Rosenhoff, Manitoba, when she got married the second time, he stayed in Steinbach and "paddled his own canoe." As a young man he was known as a "tough little Toews." Our former historian, G. G. Kornelsen, thought highly of him and loved to describe him as "a Toews that did things in his own way." A somewhat fascinating individualism and originality were outstanding features of his character.

When Mrs. Toews, his mother, left for Morris, he stayed behind, got his own jobs and became a key figure in the earlier life of Steinbach's young people. He was only 22 when he married a very fine, non-Mennonite girl which at that time was considered by our stolid Mennonite fathers as a rather drastic kick "over the traces." It seems that "Aunt Amalia" as we children fondly called her, was rather attractive and Uncle Klaas had to woo her in no uncertain manner.

The family life of the Klaas Toews became for many an incentive to be governed by unequivocal principles, which, in their final analysis, always furnish the only dependable foundations.

The Borkowskys, Aunt Amalia's family, were highly respected and desirable Polish Lutherans. Those Mennonite fathers who envisioned an exclusive Mennonite community, probed every non-Mennonite very carefully before admitting him and giving out the password. The Borkowskys, however, got it and Uncle Klaas may have whispered it into the ears of his fine father-in-law. Oh yes, the Borkowskys always remained Lutherans, even though Amalia with her husband later joined the Kleingemeinde (now EMC) church and remained faithful members and in good standing all their lives. It is possible that this marriage, later, put more "dyed-in-the-wool" marriages to shame.

One must just marvel at Uncle Klaas' idealism. When his beloved Amalia died of cancer in 1937, he did not marry again and remained a widower for 17 years. He told me one time when we were standing and talking in his barn that his was a lonesome life, but it was better this way. He could give better and full expression of the ideal life as he saw it. I stood there for a while, silent, profoundly respecting the deep lines in his face and his thinning hair in sympathy with a whispering breeze.

Today the Borkowskys and Toews live side by side in Steinbach and elsewhere and no one even gives it a thought that they do not belong together in every way, marriage, religion, being wise or otherwise. It is most revealing to note where we come from and where we have arrived. Becoming Canadians and Americans has been a long but most worthwhile process.

The second feature of Uncle Klaas' life was his delivery business. He had a small place back of J. R. Friesen's garage but sold it and moved to the present site of the Tourist Hotel, built a fairly large barn with a roomy place for the buggies he used. In front he painted a large sign "Livery Stable." We lived just across the street and with this sign always staring at me I wouldn't be surprised to find that these were the first English words I learned to read.

This business was just what those words said. Uncle Klaas had several teams of good hardy horses which could easily average from 7 - 10 miles an hour over awfully bad roads as they were at that time. He met the train in Giroux regularly and took travellers to St. Pierre, Otterburne and Niverville, which were stations on the C.P.R.

Besides the barn was a "sample room." Salesmen in those days came with huge trunks full of samples of the wares handled by the companies they represented. These goods were set out on the sample room counters where the merchants could come and look and order. Often did we children see Uncle Klaas come with a democrat heavily loaded with these trunks stop in front of the door of the sample room and two strong men unloading them and taking them to display what was in them.

Today, A. A. Toews (nephew to Uncle Klaas) has his business now where once upon a time, the "sample room" stood. Besides the barn was Steinbach's first hotel which under Aunt Amalia's management could not be anything else than a success. We boys liked to go into the large sitting room and smell the cigar smoke that some of the more ostentatious travellers left behind, when Uncle Klaas' fiery horses took them along ridge roads to avoid swamp holes, to St. Pierre, Otterburne and other places. These places were from 15 to 20 miles away and it was considered quite a trip over bumpy roads.

The hotel is still there, now modern and much extended. It is the main meeting place for travellers and tourists in South-eastern Manitoba. At the time of the Toewsfest many of our Toewses stayed there. Abraham Toews from Herbert, one of the oldest Toewses at the Fest enjoyed his stay there quite well. Annie, his third child, married Jacob Peters and they now carry on their father's business in noble tradition.

John, Uncle Klaas' only son, following his father's interests has been a bus operator out of Steinbach for many years.

His connections with the Gray Goose bus lines has facilitated Steinbach passenger service for many years. He married Annie's husband's sister, children of the late Peter Peters, Steinbach's pioneer barber. Jake still is in that business. Those families have most nobly carried on in the traditions of their fathers.

Uncle Klaas was the first to buy a car for his business. This in time proved a move in the right direction. It is possible that the business success Steinbach enjoys at the present stems from this and other such ventures, real "firsts" in business. His church at the time could not understand why one of its members had to be first in such ultra modern escapades. During years of misunderstanding Uncle Klaas remained patient, cooperative and exercised goodwill.

In later years Uncle Klaas sold this business and moved to the Rankin farm about 2 miles north of town. The Mennonite Museum now fittingly has found a place of welcome on this historically Canadian-Mennonite former farm of considerable significance. Across the road was the pioneer David Langill place bought by John Reimer, the father of Klaas J. B. Reimer, a unique historian of my day. Indeed, a more desirable place for the museum in all Canada could not have so easily be found.

The Rankins, Langills, Mooneys and Petersons and many others were pioneers of the first Clearsprings district. Again Uncle Klaas furnished the pot into which the ingredients of Mennonitism and colonialism were placed and melted down to emerge as a most wholesome and invigorating Canadianism. Today we have Clearspringers and Mennonites functioning side by side first and foremost as Canadians.

The descendants of these new Canadians sit in the same pews, participate in the same liturgy, find absolution in the promises of the same confessions, recite in unison the same creeds and pray together. They experience in their souls the operation of the Christian traditions that make for upright, patriotic and responsible Canadian and American citizenship.

Today the Mennonites live in Clearsprings and the pioneer Clearspringers live in Steinbach. They merge to raise families, now Canadians, that build on the foundation of the fathers with the vision of a new and great Christian nation. There is a certain pride in all of us that have a share in it.

This foundation that Uncle Klaas helped to lay for a future citizenry, we younger ones all felt. Permit me to quote a few lines from page vii of my book The Problem of Mennonite Ethics:

"On the west was Steinbach, a solid Mennonite village;
on the north was early Clearsprings Settlement, almost exclusively Presbyterian; on the east the first settlers in Canada, the French Canadians, totally Roman Catholic; on the south the Germans, stalwart

Lutherans coming directly from Europe's Reformation arena. As if for good measure, the Slavic Greek Catholics in the background to the east and south filtered through with their nationalism and religious observances. The Presbyterian church with its organ, steeple and Gothic windows; the Roman Catholic church bells in nearby La Broqurie; and the Lutheran church in Friedensfeld with its Posaunenchor (brass band) and church bell, filled the youth with questions that had to wait almost half a century for their answers."

Today we all sing and read French and English in the mother tongue. The different cultures brought along from Europe are forgotten and the ways of the Canadians are our ways.

In the last years Uncle Klaas served as a trustee of the Steinbach schools. His house was located across the street from the Steinbach Lumber Yards. Alma, Mrs. Orlando Rempel, lives in her parents' former home. It is no surprise that one of her sons would become a doctor.

As a trustee his main objective was to have the best schools. His maxim was to instill the largest number of high quality principles with a minimum of fuss. He was also my trustee and I remember how he was not only concerned about the overt but also for that which was beneath the surface.

Again, Steinbach's present successful school system has reason to keep in memory what Uncle Klaas has stood for.

Uncle Klaas lived his last days quietly in a little house with Romalda, his youngest daughter, a Mongoloid, who kept house. He had an operation but had to go back to the hospital about two years later. This time the doctor did not operate and he died of cancer as if by rule. He died as he had lived.

3rd Generation

Klaas Reimer Toews
 born March 7, 1879
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Died August 29, 1954
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of cancer of the liver
 Age: 75 years and 5 mo.
 Occupation: Hotel operator and later, farmer
 At the time of marriage
 no church affiliation;
 later, Kleingemeinde
 (Mennonite)
 Married to Amalia Topnik
Borkowsky on April 4, 1901
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 born Jan. 9, 1883
 in Poland
 Died Nov. 4, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 of cancer
 Age: 54 years, 10 mo.
 Before marriage she was
 a Lutheran; later, she
 belonged to the Klein-
 gemeinde (Mennonite)

4th Generation - Children

Minna
 born April 24, 1902
 at Steinbach, Man.

Elizabeth
 born April 26, 1904
 at Steinbach, Man.

Anne
 born May 21, 1906
 at Steinbach, Man.

John
 born April 11, 1909
 at Steinbach, Man.

Elma
 born July 12, 1912
 at Steinbach, Man.

Mary
 born Feb. 7, 1916
 at Steinbach, Man.

Alvina
 born July 11, 1920
 at Steinbach, Man.

Rosalyn
 born June 9, 1924
 at Steinbach, Man.

Romalda May
 born May 2, 1929
 at Steinbach, Man.

Back row, from left to right:
 Minna, Mrs. Toews, Elizabeth, Anna
 Alma -
 Front row: Uncle Klaas and John.
 Most likely this picture was taken
 in the summer of 1914 when the
 First World War was declared.
 Alma was born exactly 3 months
 after the Titanic disaster.

4th Generation

Minna Toews
 born April 24, 1902
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Earlier
 was Kleingemeinde and later,
 Evangelical Menn. Brethren
 Married to Abraham Schrein
Reimer on Sept. 15, 1929
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Feb. 12, 1899
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 died Sept. 11, 1962
 of a stroke
 Age: 63 years, 6 months,
 30 days
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Died in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Affiliated later with the
 Evangelical Menn. Brethren



Minna and her husband
 Abraham Reimer

5th Generation - Children

Doreen
 born Sept. 16, 1930
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession: Clerk
 Affiliated with the Evan-
 gelical Menn. Brethren

Merlin Nick
 born May 25, 1933
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Donald Abraham
 born July 14, 1938
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Betty-Ann Minna
 born Dec. 12, 1942
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Profession: Secretary
 Affiliated with the
 Evangelical Menn. Brethren



The EMB church in Winnipeg, a few
 blocks from Minna's house. The
 Reimers belong to this church and
 since her husband's decease Minna
 looks after the church and her
 daughter Betty-Ann is the organist.

5th GenerationMerlin Nick Reimer

born May 28, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Occupation: Automobile parts
salesman

No church affiliations

Married to Shirley Gray

on March 2, 1962

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Dec. 27, 1933

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation:

St. Matthews (Anglican)

6th Generation - ChildrenSteven Michael

born Feb. 16, 1963

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationDonald Abraham Reimer

born July 14, 1938

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Man.

Occupation: Trades helper

Church affiliation before

marriage, Evangelical Mennonite

Brethren; later, none

Married to Gail LorraineTummons on Sept. 14, 1957

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Aug. 21, 1939

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Her church affiliation is

with the Greenwood United

Church of Canada

6th Generation - ChildrenSherril Lea

born March 5, 1958

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Jeffrey Craig

born May 5, 1960

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Donna Gail

born Sept. 25, 1962

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Douglas Curtis

Jan. 24, 1964

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th GenerationElizabeth Toews

born April 26, 1904

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Brandon, Manitoba

Was affiliated with the

Mennonite Church before

marriage, later, affiliated

with The United Church of

Canada

Married to William Friesen

on May 9, 1924

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Dec. 12, 1894

at R. M. of Rhineland, Man.

Occupation: Assistant General

Manager, Northern Auto Parts,

Ltd.

Earlier affiliation with the

Mennonite church; later, the

United Church of Canada

5th Generation - ChildrenNorma Lillian

born Jan. 24, 1926

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Bernice Wilma

born Sept. 4, 1928

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Myrna Marie

born Oct. 25, 1932

at Melfort, Saskatchewan

William John

born July 12, 1937

at Melfort, Saskatchewan

Address: Flin Flon, Manitoba

Occupation: Research chemist

His church affiliation is the

United Church of Canada

5th GenerationNorma Lillian Friesen

born Jan. 24, 1926

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Brandon, Manitoba

Profession: Receptionist

Her church affiliation has

always been with the United

Church of Canada

Married to Harry Brown

at Brandon, Manitoba

on May 18, 1949

born Aug. 5, 1918

at Rosetown, Saskatchewan

Occupation: Hospital Attendant

His church affiliation has

always been with the United

Church of Canada

6th Generation - ChildrenDonna Lee

born March 30, 1954

at Brandon, Manitoba

5th Generation

Bernice Wilma Friesen
born Sept. 4, 1928
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Burlington, Ontario
Her church affiliation has
always been with the United
Church of Canada
Married to Arthur Edward
Burns on April 15, 1954
at Trenton, Ontario
born Jan. 1, 1930
at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Occupation: Income Tax
Specialist
No church affiliation given

6th Generation - Children

Steven Gregory
born Dec. 18, 1954
at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Carolee
born
at Winnipeg, Man.

Jeffry Edward
born Jan. 26, 1960
at London, Ontario

5th Generation

Myrna Marie Friesen
born Oct. 25, 1932
at Melfort, Sask.
Address: Winnipeg, Man.
Profession: Bank Clerk
Her church affiliation has
always been with the United
Church of Canada
Married to Bill Bell
Divorced and all further
information is lacking

4th Generation

Anna Toews
born May 26, 1906
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Profession: Hotel operator
Affiliated with the Schoen-
wieser (Menn.) Church
Married to Jacob Rempel
Peters on Sept. 8, 1935
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born on Jan. 28, 1902
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Hotel keeper
Affiliated with the Schoen-
wieser (Menn.) Church

4th Generation

John Toews
born April 11, 1909
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Occupation: Bus driver
His church affiliation is
with Schoenwieser Menno-
nite Church
Married to Jessie Peters
on Sept. 6, 1936
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born Dec. 25, 1911
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Her church affiliation is
with the Schoenwieser
Mennonite Church

5th Generation - Children

Helen Marie Amalia
born April 14, 1944
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
died April 14, 1944
at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th Generation

Elma Toews
born July 12, 1912
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Steinbach, Man.
Church affiliation after
marriage, United Church
of Canada
Married to Orlando Rempel
on Nov. 1, 1941
at Steinbach, Manitoba
born May 30, 1917
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Occupation: Trucker
Church affiliation after
marriage, United Church of
Canada

5th Generation - Children

Gerald Warren
born Jan. 2, 1942
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
Occupation: Doctor of Med.

Ryan Orlando
born May 20, 1946
at Steinbach, Man.

Melvin James
born March 9, 1950
at Steinbach, Man.

Gerald Warren Rempel received a degree in medicine from the University of Manitoba Medical School on May 25, 1967.

Having reached this goal which he set for himself years ago has meant hurdling an obstacle which could have discouraged someone without Gerald's determined good nature.

At the age of six, Gerald was stricken with an infectious arthritic hip and remained under extensive medical care for six months. The illness left one of his legs partly disabled.

Gerald did not consider his limp a handicap. He started school shortly after, at first with his parents chauffeuring him but later on learning to walk again.



Dr. Gerald W Rempel

He did not allow his disability to interfere with the normal activities of young boys. Donning his baseball outfit, he would join his friends on the baseball field, pitching in where he could, even though he never made a home run for his team. Often he volunteered his services as water-boy for his pals. As soon as he was old enough, Gerald acquired a paper route, earning his own spending money. In later years, he spent some time coaching younger boys in baseball.

Gerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Rempel of Steinbach.

In 1960, he enrolled at the University of Manitoba and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. Sum-

mers were spent with the Manitoba Department of Highways Branch earning money to help him in furthering his education.

After he had been enrolled in the medical school, Gerald spent one summer with the Mental Health Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare as a research assistant, and another summer at Fisher Branch, Manitoba, doing a survey of diabetes among the Indian population of that region.

Having received his medical degree at the end of May, he is planning on interning at the St. Boniface General Hospital in June.

Gerald was married to Islay Giesbrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Giesbrecht, on June 3.

4th GenerationMary Toews

born Feb. 7, 1916

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Kenora, Ontario

Her church affiliation now is Baptist; formerly, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to William Penner

on June 28, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 15, 1914

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Furniture Manufacturer

His church affiliation now is Baptist; formerly, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenSylvia

born Aug. 28, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Marilyn

born Nov. 28, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Now a student at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Baptist

5th GenerationSylvia Penner

born Aug. 28, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Kenora, Ontario

Profession: Registered Nurse
Church affiliation has always been BaptistMarried to Alvin Smuland

on Oct. 10, 1959

at Red Lake Road, Ontario

born March 29, 1933

at Flin Flon, Manitoba

Occupation: Manager of Woodale Lumber Products, Kanora, Ontario

Church affiliation has always been Baptist

6th Generation - ChildrenBradley David

born June 28, 1961

at Dryden, Ontario

Kimberley Marie

born Dec. 20, 1962

at St. Paul, Minnesota

4th GenerationAlvina Toews

born June 11, 1920

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Had her church affiliation always with the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to David Loewen

on August 16, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born March 29, 1919

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Sales Manager of C. T. Loewen, Millwork

Had his church affiliation always with the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren.

5th Generation - ChildrenRussel

born April 20, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation, the

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Occupation: Bible School Student

Wayne

born Jan. 18, 1947

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Sharon

born Oct. 28, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationRosalyn Toews

born June 9, 1924

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Seattle, Wash.

Affiliated earlier with the Evangelical Menn. Brethren; later, Evangelical Free Ch.

Married to Clarence Reimer

on June 10, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Oct. 18, 1923

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Administration of King's Garden (School and Home) Seattle, Wash.

Was formerly affiliated with the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren; later, the Evang. Free Church

5th Generation - ChildrenSandra Gail

born Jan. 28, 1947

at Omaha, Nebraska

Constance

Dec. 29, 1949

at Omaha, Nebraska

Priscilla

born Mar. 7, 1955

at Johnstown, Pa.

The following chronicle written by John R. Toews for the Toews-fest in Steinbach, Manitoba, June 24, 1961, was not read at that time. It has been translated and re-written for this book by his nephew, A. P. Toews. Uncle John at the time of the Fest was 80. He is the youngest member of the second generation Peter Toews family.

When I am asked to say something about my family, the Peter Toews family of which I am the youngest, I must say with Gideon, "behold my family is poor and I am the least in my father's house" (Jud. 6:15). Then, also, I note that all of my brothers and sisters, except Anne, have had more or less feeble-minded children. Why this is so we do not know and I don't want to judge, except myself for I am my wife's cousin uncle. And yet, we perhaps cannot say anything else than that the Lord is honored more this way, and that, whom the Lord "loveth He chasteneth."

The first knowledge in my life that I remember was when I slept with my mother after our father died, I awoke one night and saw my mother kneeling in bed praying with tears flowing down her face. When she asked me to pray too, and I didn't want to, she said that I should at least kneel with her even if I didn't say anything.

Later I remember that my brother Klaas and I slept on a "Prosch," a kind of davenport made out of heavy boards and used during the day as a bench. A little later, I recall, several men came to take down our log barn that C. B. Loewen, my brother-in-law, had built for us, to build a larger barn. While we boys watched one of the big logs crashed to the ground and scared me so much that I ran into the scythe of a man who was cutting the weeds around the place. I had a big gash and still have the scar but otherwise I was alright.

My brother Peter, who was about 11 years older, was always like a father to me. Around 1890 we had bought the first team of bronchos and Peter took a load of wheat to Winnipeg, about 35 miles. Both Peter and Mother loved me and let me go along. The trip was tiring but fascinating. In Winnipeg we sold our wheat at the Ogilvie Mills and while the bills were made Peter took me by the hand and showed me the nearby sawmills. Later he told me to sit down and wait while he got his bills. When he was gone a man came and picked me up and carried me out of the mill away from machinery and danger, for this was no place for a little boy to sit alone. I screamed and fought but could do nothing. Just then Peter came and everything was alright.

Another incident that I remember was the funeral of a Mrs. Loewen and a Mrs. Brandt which my mother attended. Before she left she told me to take care of the chickens and take them into the barn in case it would rain. About 4 o'clock just when the funeral procession was leaving the church and came past our house which was not far from the church, it got dusk and I expecting it to rain went after my chicks. From the procession my mother saw me in my frenzy, came quickly to my aid, and rejoined the funeral. It did not rain but in all my 80 years I have not seen another total eclipse of the sun like this one. I wonder how the bereaved felt.

I did not start school until I was about 7 or 8. My mother was a widow and wanted me to be around the house. The teacher was Mr. Gerhard E. Kornelsen, after whom the school here is named and the grandfather of the Kornelsens still residing here. I did well in some subjects. He used the rod two times, once "guilty," the other time "not guilty."

Our fathers wanted us to learn a little English. Our teacher had learned a little himself but not enough to give us a real start. For instance when he wanted to teach us "Tommy shot the crow" he wrote "Tomey shout the Krew." I'm still learning English but when the Englishman says "screwdriver" and the Frenchman "driverscrew" I get confused.

Another thing I remember is how Uncle John Reimer's horses always ran away and how the cowboys brought bronchos to Steinbach, roped them and hitched them for the first time to a strong two-wheeled cart and drove at a furious speed down the street. I guess today this would be even too fast for a \$12.00 fine. Then, too, my Uncle Klaas Reimer had an orchard the likes we find only in Morden today. I sometimes think he knew more than we know today. Well, I could go on like this for some time but I must come to the second part of my report.

After being a widow for ten years my mother married Mr. Henry L. Friesen from Rosenhof, near Morris, Manitoba. This came as "lightening out of the blue" to us children. I for one did not know what a father was good for anyway, but my mother knew better. Mr. Friesen was well-to-do and that meant her financial worries were over. Mother made a sale and paid all her debts, even the Government loan. Her brother-in-law, Abraham S. Friesen was made the administrator and my brother Peter looked after the land which he bought as soon as he had earned enough for a down payment. I am still glad he bought it.

I was 11 and moved with my parents to Morris to stay. For me,

curiosity and love for adventure the trip made up for every loss I had in the move. Klaas 13, Margaret 15, and Abraham 17, came along too, but not as whole-heartedly as I, and Peter 20, stayed. Uncle and Aunt Abraham S. Friesen sponsored the whole affair and accompanied the honeymooners as far as Winnipeg. Abraham stayed only the next summer, he had to work from 14 to 15 hours a day for John D. Loewen and that was too much for him; he went back to work for his Uncle Abraham S. Friesen in Steinbach about half a mile north of town. He planted many trees in this place, some of which still remain.

Our trip to Morris was long but very rewarding. From Steinbach we went with 2 horses hitched to a democrat buggy 20 miles south-west to Otterburne, the nearest railway station on the C. P. R. This was my first train ride. In Winnipeg we took the street car which ran on rails and was pulled by a horse, to go from the C. P. R. Station to the C. N. R. Station from which the train left for Morris. Uncle Friesen showed us all some of the interesting places such as the Ogilvie Flour Mill, a garden and the City Hall. Later in the day we took the train to Morris where somebody waited to take us to Rosenhof.

Of us 4 children that went along with Mother, Abraham left the first summer. Next year Margaretha, now 16, left and got married in Steinbach to Cornelius Ratzlaff from Nebraska. Klaas stayed 3 years longer but his strong Toews nature got him into much trouble. He got really mad and did not like his three step-brothers. I think our step-father was glad when he left home. As long as Klaas was around he did all the fighting but when he was gone I had to protect myself by running away. I stayed at home until I was 21.

The first thing I had to do was to go to school. They had school during the summer. Peter W. Dueck, a student in the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna, was the teacher. I remember that I could not say the word "cloth" correctly and that he asked me about my brother Klaas. There many other things we had to get used to. One of these was the bad-tasting water. One day our father came home from Morris with a wooden beer keg and a recipe to make beer which would taste better than the water. Some time later he filled the keg with water, put the ingredients in, closed it ready for the water to turn into beer and went visiting. While they were gone the beer got lively and the staves began to come apart. To save the beer I got a washtub and put the keg into it. But this was not enough for suddenly the beer blew up to the ceiling and all over the room. This was how they tried to improve the taste of water in 1892. Now they have a different method.

There were many other things I had to learn. One time I almost drowned when I tried to learn to swim. I also found preparing manure for fuel a dirty job. In about 10 months of school I learned some real English from Mr. Enns. My mother was more interested in me getting an education than my father was. I had to go to school, rain or shine. Later in my own business I learned to appreciate my mother's wisdom. My father sent me to the potato patch to pick the bugs off the plants. I did not like this very much and went to sleep between the rows.

When I was 19 I wanted a bicycle but this was a hard nut to crack for my father. I finally got one. I'm still surprised that I did not get killed riding around in the dark. In 1897 the ice blocked the Red River and the water backed up into our little Scratching River and we had a great flood.

In 1902 when I was 21 I went back to Steinbach to work for Abraham R. Friesen, my cousin, also called "Post Friesen" because he had the Post Office. Here I worked in the post office and machine shop and fought bed bugs. When Peter T. Barkman opened a Massey Harris agency next year I went to work for him setting up machinery, did all the driving and took care of the horses. To get away from the horses I took a job with H. W. Reimers in the store next year.

Now I was 24 and was baptized, joined the church and got married to Anna B. Reimer, the daughter of Klaas W. Reimer, my cousin. I also bought C. F. Friesen's McCormick agency and residence and started my own business. At this time my brother Abraham's wife, Anna Rempel, died suddenly. The next year I went into company with J. R. Friesen and K. B. Reimer, but sold out my implement business to them a year later and opened a second hand shop and a flour and feed business.

I did good business selling Ogilvie flour which was bleached and much whiter than the Steinbach mill flour. I sold it by the carload and the Steinbach millers did not like this. Then I also was the agent for the Great West Saddlery and Harness Company selling and repairing harness and shoes. This kept me very busy.

After about two years C. T. Loewen asked me to go into company with him in the lumber and building supply business. He moved buildings and operated a sawmill in the winter and he wanted somebody to sell the lumber and other building materials. I sold my harness business back to H. W. Reimers and rented my Uncle John Reimer's property on main street and opened our business called Loewen and Toews. Next year, 1910 we bought

my brother Peter's property next to us and moved over on our own property. Peter moved to his farm about 2 miles east of the village.

Until 1910 Steinbach had no individual property owners. All the land was divided among its 20 original settlers and held by mutual agreement. All Mennonite villages in Manitoba were operated on a socialistic basis; all needs of the village were met by mutual agreement. This included the church, school and all civic needs. When we bought this property and the village broke up and took to modern laws of landowning there was quite a stir.

When we moved on our own property I sold my residence to C. B. Goossen and took my business house for our office and stock room. We moved into my brother Peter's house at first on main street but later we moved it across the creek and took the whole front for business.

By this time we had two boys, Klaas and Henry. The oldest boy, Klaas, was patient and quiet. Henry, the second, was just the opposite, loud and restless. There was a difference just like in Jacob and Esau. When I came home late from work my wife cried because she was so tired carrying Henry. I didn't want to carry him all the time either; why couldn't he lie down and be quiet?

Our office building soon became too small and we sold it to become a restaurant. Johnny's Grill is in it now. Our new building was so big that sister Elizabeth, Mrs. John Reimer, said that it looked like a railroad station. We had no bank from which to borrow money but we had good credit and the people brought us more money for a low interest rate than was good for us. It later proved to be a "trap."

We now built our own house across the creek where later "Kuban Reimers" used to live. One of the Reimer daughters is the wife of Rev. Affleck, the present president of Winnipeg Bible College. In 1911 and 1913 our children Frank and Elizabeth were born there.

Business had been pretty good and we made a trip to Herbert and Morse to see my sister, aunts and uncles. My Uncle Abraham was still living in Morse but he had to sit in a wheel chair. Uncle John was gone but his wife was still living and very active. Our baby, Elizabeth, was a very attractive child and had many friends on the train. Our babies are still raised in the old-fashioned way, no germs can spoil their food.

The first World War broke out in 1914. It disturbed our quiet rural life quite a bit. Soldiers came to Steinbach and stirred up the whole country searching for draft dodgers. John Penner (sometimes called "Russian Penner") came from Winnipeg one day with a load of watermelons and said that Canada and England would lose the war. In 1915 we had a very big crop in spite of having frost every month. Everyone had to work very hard to harvest such a big crop and keep the war going. Our son Isaac was born in that year.

1916 was a very important year for us. I sold my part in the business to C. T. Loewen and moved in October on my sister Elizabeth's (Mrs. John Reimer's) farm, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the village. About this change I could write a book. The next year 1917, the Lord looked at me a bit and slowed me down. I was very sick for a while and in the hospital in Winnipeg from spring until harvest. The Lord said to the devil to spare my life like He told him about Job. I got out in time to harvest a bumper crop. Our daughter Mary was born before I took sick but we had my wife's brother, Jacob F. Reimer to help us and he was a very good 18-year-old boy.

1918 was the "flu" year. Many died but nobody in my own family. Our mother died of it and so many were sick that there were hardly enough to bury her. We ourselves could not be at the funeral.

In 1919 our daughter Maria was born. In this year the Blumenhof School District elected me as chairman of the school board and I had a hard time. Our school was run by the official trustee, Mr. Greenway, and I was always dickering with the Government that we wanted our school back. All Mennonite schools had been taken over by the Department of Education to speed up very much the Mennonites becoming English-speaking Canadians.

Our children at this time were born as follows: Annie 1921, Helen 1923, and died the next year, Katharina 1925, Mathilda 1927, and Vilma 1930. In 1925 we also lost 8 head of cattle because of improperly cured sweet clover feed.

In 1931 our aunt, Mrs. Quiring, died at Munich, North Dakota. Cor. Kroeker, my sister Katharina's husband had a good car and took us along to the funeral. We started early so as to get there not too late. We did not definitely know where Munich was and stopped at a big consolidated school where we saw a large number of people to inquire. Kroeker said to me, "John you go and find out." When I came close to the school I was immediately surrounded by a number of Gypsies all dressed in bright colors. They had a high life. I think it was a wedding

or something. When they all came closer I felt uneasy because they acted so funny. I asked where Munich was but nobody had ever heard of it. Just when I figured how to get out of this along came one man in another car, got out and came to me with a shotgun and asked me to go to his car and get another gun for myself and help him chase these people off the place. Now I got cold feet and my "spine began to get the jitters." I told him I had nothing to do with these people and was from Manitoba on my way to Munich and had only come to inquire about the road. He told us where to go and said that he would take care of this himself. As we left he fired a shot in the air. He was a "braver" man than I was. This was my first time across the border but I liked it. We had a good visit with our relatives and still feel like thanking the Hoffmans for the fine fish dinner which they got from Canada.

From 1930 on we had the depression years, also called the "lean years." We had a big family, many debts, a mortgage on the land and a little income. For me it was a test of faith and patience and learning to depend upon the Lord. In 1937 we had luck and income from several sources and I felt it was the Lord giving us His blessings. Brother Klaas and I helped build the highway from Steinbach to Winnipeg. My brother was the head foreman. We also built a cheese factory in the Blumenhof district which raised the price of milk 30 cents per 100 pounds. I was the president of this company for 10 years and got a gold watch for my services. I think when I'll be gone nobody will want such out-of-date thing. When we built the factory we paid 10 cents an hour and all brought their own lunch. I was the secretary-treasurer of this organization for 27 years.

One day the mortgage company's fieldman came on the yard and asked who had helped me build that big hog barn on the place. I told him that my good friend, C. T. Loewen, had and wanted to let him know that it was mine. He said he believed that, but still wanted to know why I went so much into hog raising. Well, I told him "we have just gone through a big war and I know that I can pay you off in a few years." All he said to this was that it was up to me, and left the place. That same fall I took \$1,200.00 to the mortgage company and the same fieldman surprisingly asked me "where did you get the money?" When I told him "from hog raising" his face changed color which those kind of men don't do very soon.

In 1946 we decided to move back to Steinbach and sold the farm on easy terms to Klaas and Frank, and Mom and I and 5 daughters made our home in Steinbach. I was going to work for C. T. Loewen again, but man thinks and God leads. Instead I became the super-

intendent of the EMC home for the aged of which C. T. was the president. It was hard for me to accept this job. I had to be around the home all the time and help and was also responsible for the accounts. My final reason for taking this work was not the church or man, I wanted to obey God. I stayed with this work for 8 years, until I was 73 when I had to quit because of poor health. It is good for a person to have to do something like this and find out where real help comes from.

We had our golden wedding on Nov. 21, 1953. I was 74 and Mother 67. I am fairly good yet, but Mother is not so good; she had a stroke about 2 years ago. We manage to live in our own house and should be thankful and not grumble (now they live in the Home). We have all the conveniences and facilities in the home and live like kings and queens in the olden days, and now look for our heavenly home.

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Mr. and Mrs. John R. Toews, who will be celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary on Friday, November 19 at the Rest Haven. They will be receiving visitors from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

Johan R. Toews was born at Steinbach on April 1, 1881, 7 years after his parents came from Russia and a year after his father died. His decease was also in Steinbach, in the Bethesda Hospital, on June 8, 1967, at the age of 86 years, 2 months and 7 days.

With the exception of his teenage years, Uncle John resided all his life in the Steinbach area. For 10 years, ages 11 to 21, he spent in the home of his stepfather, Henry L. Friesen, at Morris, Manitoba. At the age of 21 he went back to Steinbach to work for Peter T. Barkman in his Massey Harris implement shop. At the age of 24 he was received by baptism into the Kleingemeinde Church and was married to Anna B. Reimer.

In 1906 he bought the McCormick implement agency and residence from C. F. Friesen. The following year he took J. R. Friesen and K. B. Reimer into his business company. After only about a year he sold his share of the business to his partners and started his own saddlery, flour and second-hand shop. Two years later he also sold this and went together with C. T. Loewen, his nephew, into the building supplies business. In 1910 they bought his brother Peter's property on the Steinbach main street and opened an extensive lumber yard. This was the same place where in Steinbach we now have the C. T. Loewen and Sons business.

In 1916 he again sold out to C. T. Loewen and moved to the John Reimer farm (his sister Elizabeth), 3 miles north and a mile east of Steinbach. Reimers sold out and moved to Littlefield, Texas. Uncle John lived on this farm for 30 years until 1946. During this time he served on the Blumenhof school-board for 27 years, organized a cooperative milk producers association which made and marketed its own cheese, and served as a go-between the Mennonites and the Dominion Government in the sale of Victory Bonds during the First World War. Mr. Toews read extensively and was quite conversant in the fields of politics and economics.

In 1946 when he left the farm he moved back to Steinbach and again worked for C. T. Loewen. Not long though, the Steinbach retirement home needed an administrator and he accepted this position. After serving 6 years as administrator of the home he retired. When Mrs. Toews had a stroke and her mind was considerably impaired she was taken to the home. Uncle John continued to live in his house for about 9 years with two of his daughters.

The last 3 years Uncle John also spent in the rest home. During his last illness of a few months he was hospitalized in the Steinbach hospital where he also died. His wife who had not been coherent for some time, said when she saw her husband in the coffin, "He looks so good, I want to go home with him." Uncle John is buried in the Steinbach cemetery.



This picture was taken some time in the 50's. From left to right we have Mrs. Abraham R. Toews, still living in Steinbach, Uncle Abraham R. Toews who died in Steinbach on Dec. 4, 1966 at the age of 92, Cornelius T. Loewen who died in Steinbach in Oct. 1960, and Uncle John R. Toews who still lives in the Steinbach Rest Home with his wife together. He is the author (in German) of these introductory pages.

C. T. Loewen for many years sawed lumber in the woods some 25 miles east of Steinbach. One day he invited his uncles for a ride into the woods in which he, as a younger man, "roughed it," locating good timber permits and sawing lumber in the isolated Canadian woods in temperatures at times way down below zero. For his enterprising nature this was a "great life." For some years Uncle John and C. T. had a business together. Their business name was "Loewen and Toews" and was known for its large supply of building materials far and wide. C. T.'s business is now located on this old "Toews homestead."

3rd GenerationJohann Reimer Toews

born April 1, 1881
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Retired Farmer
 (Now living in Old Folks Home)
 has been the administrator of
 the Home for the Aged and also
 in the Lumber Business
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Now Evangelical
 Mennonite Church)
 Married to Anna Brandt Reimer
 on Nov. 19, 1905
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 born Sept. 28, 1887
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
 Mennonite Church)
 (Also in the Home for the Aged
 in Steinbach)

4th Generation - ChildrenKlaas

born Oct. 6, 1906
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Henry

born Sept. 28, 1909
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died Dec. 21, 1964
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Frank

born July 21, 1911
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elizabeth

born May 13, 1913
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Maria

born Jan. 28, 1917
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Isaac

born March 3, 1915
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: At home

Anna

born May 19, 1921
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Helen

born April 20, 1923
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 died April 12, 1924
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Margaret

born July 10, 1919
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: School Teacher
 Church affiliation: Evang.
 Mennonite Church
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Kathrine

born June 15, 1925
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Mathilda

born Sept. 25, 1927
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Wilma

born Feb. 4, 1930
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Linda

born May 3, 1933
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationKlaas M. Toews

born Oct. 6, 1906
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Anna Reimer Unger
 on Oct. 6, 1929
 at Blumenort, Manitoba
 born July 6, 1903
 at Blumenort, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

5th Generation - ChildrenLeonna Ann

born March 22, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

Eric Waldon

born Jan. 26, 1937
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationLeonna Anne Toews

born March 22, 1935
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Address: Cromer, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church
 Married to Leo Thiessen
 on May 24, 1956
 at Blumenort, Manitoba
 born May 8, 1934
 at Steinbach, Manitoba
 Occupation: Farmer(?)
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenKendala Brent

born Nov. 16, 1958
 at Kenora, Ontario

Shannon Arvel

born June 7, 1962
 at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationEric Waldon Toews

born Jan. 26, 1937

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Annie J. Fast

on Nov. 25, 1961

at Blumenort, Manitoba

born July 1, 1932

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

6th Generation - ChildrenGregory Boyd

born April 8, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Shery Lynn Anne

born April 27, 1965

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationHenry M. Toews

born Sept. 28, 1909

at Steinbach, Manitoba

died Dec. 21, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

of a heart attack

Age: 55 years, 2 months,

22 days

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: None

Married to Minna Koop Plett

on June 9, 1946

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born August 26, 1909

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Evangelical Menn. Church

5th Generation - ChildrenMargret Ruth

born April 23, 1947

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Carol Ann

born March 18, 1949

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Josephine Lynn

born Sept. 7, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

One-Time Hobo Recalls A Remarkable Christmas

Some years ago the Carillon News carried this story as told to the Carillon reporter by Henry "Turkey" Toews, well-known Gireux district farmer. By popular request of many of our readers we are reprinting again this unforgettable Christmas story.

It was Christmas Eve, 1931. I was 16 years old and like thousands of other young fellows in the Depression years, I was "on the bum". The freight train which I was riding hit Oakland, California, about the middle of the afternoon.

Somehow or other in jumping off the train at the yards, I ripped my pants from one end to the other. I didn't have a penny. I didn't know anyone in that whole city, and I wasn't presentable anywhere with my pants being mostly gone. There was only one thing I could think of to do and that was go to the Salvation Army. That's what I did.

The Captain asked me, "What's the matter, son?" I told him what had happened, that I had lost my pants and couldn't go anywhere without them.

"Well, we have a woodpile out behind here," the Captain told me, "and anyone who gets anything here has got to earn it by cutting wood. But the wood-cutting is closed down now until after Christmas."

I still didn't have any pants and I couldn't go anywhere without them. I headed back to the railway yards to the hobo jungles along the tracks. There were hundreds of other hobos like myself there.

I was walking along looking pretty well down in the dumps I guess, when another hobo came up to me. He was dressed quite a lot better than the average and carried a pretty good suit-

case. "What's the matter? You look pretty badly torn up," he said to me.

I told him what had happened. "You come with me," he said and motioned me to follow him. We walked down the track to an old railway shed and he went in. I went in after him. He opened the suitcase and there was a spanking new dark navy-blue Salvation Army officer's uniform. I'll never forget what he said to me then. "Son," he said, "there are a lot of ways of getting what you need in this country, and this is one of them."

He casually took off his regular clothes and folded them neatly there in the railway shed. Then he lifted out his uniform carefully and stepped into it. A finer cleaner-cut looking Salvation Army officer you couldn't have seen anywhere. Within a short while I was to learn that he not only looked the part but was about as smart a talker as I'd ever met.

He told me to come with him and we headed off down into Oakland, into one of the swanky residential districts where all the houses were small castles with big park-like yards and new cars in front of them. I didn't want to come with him at all at first. There I was in that classy district in a wealthy sector of the city, dressed in a pair of pants so ragged that I had to pin them together so my backside wouldn't stick out. I began to feel ill at ease and told him that I couldn't go on any farther. "Come on," he urged, "You look just exactly the way you should." I decided I couldn't be much worse off and went on with him.

And then there happened what seemed almost like a Christmas miracle to me. It was just magical the effect of that uniform and the way that hobo could talk - just like a real Salvation Army officer. He introduced himself as Captain So-and-So and pointed to me as the type of man he was trying to help for Christmas. He brought the tears right into their eyes. Inside about three hours, I would say, I had all the clothes I could wear all winter and enough to supply quite a few other fellows back at the railway yards.

I had well over \$10. cash in my pocket on top of that and "the Captain" if I recall correctly, collected between \$30. and \$40. When we had "done" the district, my friend and I made our way back to the yards, to where the suitcase was hidden under some old boards. The "captain" calmly took off his uniform, folded and brushed it carefully, and packed it neatly back into its case.

We had a long conversation and I thanked him from the bottom of my heart for his timely help. He told me that he was a continental traveller and never stayed more than about three days in any one city. It was too "dangerous" he said, adding, "Son, when you have a Salvation Army uniform, the world

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Mrs. Henry M. Toews, of Giroux, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Carol Anne, to Jake Loepky, son of Mr. John K. Loepky, of Niverville. A late summer wedding is planned.

4th GenerationFrank John Toews

born July 21, 1911
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Giroux, Manitoba
Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Always,
Evangelical Menn. Church
Married to Helen K. Penner
on July 10, 1938
at Blumenort, Manitoba
born Sept. 27, 1913
at Blumenhof, Manitoba
Church affil.: Always,
Evangelical Menn. Church

5th Generation - ChildrenMarlene Helen

born May 22, 1942
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Donald Roy

born November 10, 1944
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Student at present
Church affil.: Evangelical
Mennonite Church

Anna Marie

born April 23, 1950
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Student at present

Roger Lee

born July 2, 1957
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationMarlene Helen Toews

born May 22, 1942
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Richmond, B. C., Can.
Profession: Registered Nurse
Church affil.: Formerly, Menn.;
now, Anglican
Married to Derrick Cresswell-Clough
on Dec. 20, 1963
at Richmond, B. C., Canada
born July 3, 1944
at Calgary, Alta.
Occupation: Assistant Manager
of Parking Company
Church affil.: Always, Anglican

No children

4th GenerationElizabeth Toews

born May 13, 1913
at Steinbach, Manitoba
Address: Landmark, Manitoba
Church affiliation: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
Mennonite Church)
Married to Abe F. Unger
on May 15, 1932
at Blumenort, Manitoba
born Dec. 19, 1907
at Blumenhoff, Manitoba
Occupation: Farming and
Minister of the Gospel
Church affiliation: Always,
Kleingemeinde (Evangelical
Mennonite Church)

5th Generation - ChildrenRosemarie

born March 18, 1933
at Steinbach, Manitoba

John Arthur

born Nov. 13, 1934
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Lillian

born Dec. 12, 1936
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Elizabeth

born Sept. 15, 1939
at Steinbach, Manitoba

Peter Rodney

born Aug. 29, 1942
at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationRosemarie Unger

born March 18, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: National Mills, Man.

Profession: Teacher

Church affil.: Always,

Evang. Mennonite Church

Married to Stanford Penner

on July 21, 1956

at Landmark, Manitoba

born Dec. 9, 1931

at Landmark, Manitoba

Occupation: Teaching (part
time) and Lumber and Pul-
wood BusinessChurch affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Menn. Church

6th Generation - ChildrenDavid Keith

born Dec. 16, 1957

at Hudson Bay, Sask.

Mark Russell

born March 29, 1962

at Swan River, Manitoba

5th GenerationArthur John Unger

born Nov. 13, 1934

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Landmark, Manitoba

Occupation: Building Contractor

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

Married to Wilma Loewen

on June 14, 1958

at Blumenort, Manitoba

born June 29, 1935

at Blumenort, Manitoba

Profession: Licensed Prac-
tical NurseChurch affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Menn. Church

6th Generation - ChildrenCheryl Beth

born June 4, 1959

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Dawn Arlene Unger

born April 5, 1961

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationLillian Toews Unger

born Dec. 12, 1936

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Lorette, Manitoba

Profession: Teaching

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

Married to Edwin Goertzen Plett

on July 27, 1962

at Lorette, Manitoba

born July 9, 1935

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Teaching
Church affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Menn. Church

6th Generation - ChildrenRachel JoNelle

born April 10, 1965

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationElizabeth Unger

born Sept. 15, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Kleefeld, Manitoba

Profession: Stenographer

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

Married to Glen Koop

on August 9, 1963

at Kleefeld, Manitoba

born Dec. 7, 1940

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Carpenter
and studentChurch affiliation: Always,
Evangelical Menn. Church

6th Generation - ChildrenRussell Glen

born Sept. 25, 1965

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

5th GenerationPeter Rodney Unger

born Aug. 29, 1942

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Galt, Ontario

Occupation: Storekeeper

Church affil.: Always,

Evang. Mennonite Church

Married to Agnes Suderman

on Dec. 29, 1962

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Nov. 22, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Bank Clerk

Church affil.: Before marriage;

none; after marriage,

Evangelical Menn. Church

6th Generation - ChildrenPhilip Peter

born June 3, 1963

at Galt, Ontario

Jaqueline Anne

born Dec. 5, 1964

at Galt, Ontario

4th GenerationMarie Toews

born Jan. 21, 1917

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

Married to Bernard Dueck Kroeker

on July 10, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born November 24, 1913

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Clerk

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

5th Generation - ChildrenMarian

born April 12, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Bernard Kroeker

born Jan. 14, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Laurence

born March 25, 1943

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Phyllis Kroeker

born Oct. 14, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Richard

born May 29, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Kenneth

born Oct. 11, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

5th GenerationMarian Kroeker

born April 12, 1939

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

Married to Lewis R. Reimer

on Nov. 29, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Dec. 29, 1938

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Salesman

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

6th Generation - ChildrenLewis John Kelly

born Oct. 16, 1964

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Farrel Dean

born Oct. 26, 1965

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th GenerationAnnie Toews

born May 19, 1921

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

Married to Jacob Dueck Kroeker

on Dec. 7, 1941

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Feb. 12, 1911

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Mover

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Menn. Church

5th Generation - ChildrenRodney James

born Oct. 6, 1945

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Elfrieda

born June 23, 1948

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affil.: Evangelical

Mennonite Church

Lincoln John

born March 24, 1950

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Jeromme Jones

born Feb. 8, 1952

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Robert

born Jan. 25, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Betty

born Jan. 25, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

4th GenerationKatherine Toews

born June 15, 1925

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation: None given

Married to Norman Giesbrecht

on May 21, 1949

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born March 4, 1926

at Ste. Anne, Manitoba

Church affiliation: None given

5th Generation - ChildrenBonita Kathlene

born Dec. 5, 1949

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Gina Ann Marie

born Nov. 2, 1955

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th GenerationWilma Toews

born Feb. 4, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

Married to Peter W. Doerksen

on March 31, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Jan. 16, 1930

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Businessman

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Church

5th Generation - ChildrenDouglas Peter

born Oct. 11, 1951

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Murray Paul

born Aug. 31, 1955

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Christine Susanne

born January 29, 1960

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Heather Anne

born March 27, 1963

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

4th GenerationLinda Toews

born May 3, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Address: Steinbach, Manitoba

Profession: Secretary

Church affiliation: None

Married to Jim Frey

on Sept. 13, 1952

in Winnipeg, Manitoba

born Feb. 1, 1933

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Church affiliation: None

Divorced

5th Generation - ChildrenRobert James Frey

born May 8, 1952

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Terence Dale Frey

born Dec. 6, 1955

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sandra Lynn Frey

born Dec. 13, 1957

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Married to Ernest Goossen

on Oct. 9, 1964

at Steinbach, Manitoba

born Sept. 23, 1924

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Occupation: Lawyer

Church affiliation: None

Children - 5th GenerationJohn Goossen

born April 13, 1963

at Steinbach, Manitoba

Jenifer Elizabeth Anne Goossen

born Feb. 17, 1966

at Steinbach, Manitoba

The Cornelius Toews Family

From the time that our six Toews families emigrated from Russia to America in 1874 and later, the Toewses have known very little about each other. For instance, all we children of the Peter Toews family knew about the Cornelius Toews family was what my father, Peter R. Toews, the oldest son of the Peter Toews family and a nephew of Cornelius Toews, wrote in his little black notebook: "Uncle Cornelius Toews, Bovina, Colorado."

These words that my father wrote in 1895 were just about all we (Mrs. A. P. Toews and I) knew when we, in 1964, on our way home to St. Louis from Dallas, Oregon, tried to make contact with the Cornelius Toews family in Colorado. We passed through Denver where several of our Toewses reside but did not know it, straight on to Bovina where we did not find any of them.

What my father had written was correct, but that was 80 years ago. Bovina now has only 2 buildings, a consolidated brick school house, built in 1918, but now used as a garage and living quarters on the second floor. Besides this building was a one-room school house that had been built in 1904, a year after our Toewses moved to Kirk, Colorado. As the pictures below show, the place looked as if the Toewses had never lived even close to the place.



In our frustration to find our people we stopped in front of the garage and looked over the bald prairie for miles around, but saw no Toewses. Finally we got up enough courage and went into the garage where we found three men, two younger and one old. We waited respectfully until the old man had time to talk to us.

This old man's name was R. B. Leach, and had been a thrasher at the turn of the century. His machine had gone as far as 30 miles north of Bovina and he remembered the Toewses,

having threshed for them and also worked with them on the same crew. He became quite revived when he told us about "them good old threshin' days" and good pioneer adventures. It was from this gentleman that we found out that they had left the country long ago for Kirk and Joes, Colorado. On the map on the next page, the distance from Genoa to Kirk is about 60 miles. The Toewses have now spread out to all the places except La Junta and Lamar where the Old Mennonites have large settlements.

Our next step, of course, were Joes and Kirk. First was Joes, but here again we knew absolutely no one and had never been in the place. We knew, only an older person would be able to give us the information we were trying to obtain. We drove slowly along the street and sure enough, we saw three old men sitting on a bench under a tree beside the sidewalk, spitting tobacco and spinning tales. We stopped to talk to them, and, as luck would have it, one of the oldsters had been the storekeeper in Joes and knew all about the Toewses and the gleam in his eye told me that they were pretty good customers and paid promptly.

This old storekeeper gave us a lot of information but what helped us most was that one of the Cornelius Toews' daughters was still living two miles east of Joes. "But," he said with a chuckle, "you better hurry, she's pretty old."

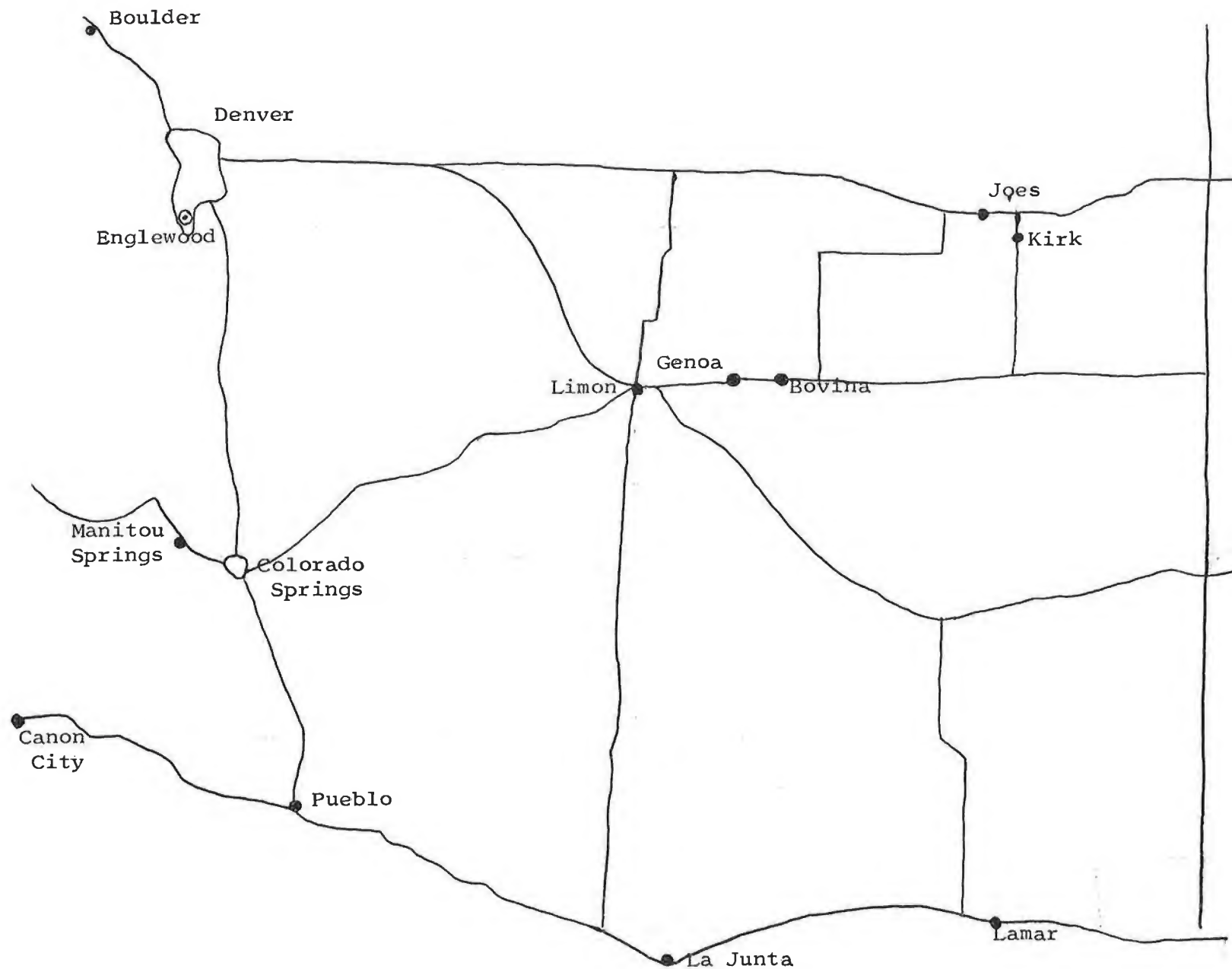


We thanked the old gentleman and drove two miles east and turned to the right into the farmstead of George Fast, the son of Mr. and Mrs. (nee Elizabeth Toews, now in the 80's) George Fast. Here we met our first Cornelius Toews family member and the beginning of knowing once more another of our original Toews families. From here on we pieced together the information obtained from the family and elsewhere.

Cornelius Toews was born in Kleefeld, Russia, on July 19, 1840. He was baptized in his home village at the age of 22 by bishop Heinrich Toews and accepted into the Mennonite Church. This one formal joining of a church for him was enough, he never formally joined a church in America. Nevertheless, he was very precise in his ways and thought it of vital importance that his children all be baptized and affiliated with a church. His family record of baptisms is more complete than any of the other Toews families.

Father Toews was a good disciplinarian. However, he never spanked the children, looking at them was always enough. Having been a carpenter in his earlier days, he loved to work at his workbench making the desks for the school and what was needed in the homes. The yard of his pioneer farm had to be swept and everything had its definite place. The garden was kept clean of weeds and the whole place was made as livable as possible under the circumstances.

A page out of Cornelius Toews' original Russian passport shows that he was a careful writer. He went to school in Russia and was comparatively well educated. He wrote long Christmas and New Years poems which the children recited to their parents at Christmas time and on New Years. These poems were written in the form of a prayer and when recited, the parents listened to a prayer that the child spoke for them. If the teacher was capable he wrote them



for the pupils.

The Cornelius Toews parents were also very good Mennonites. They came out of Russia being concerned about the required military service by the Russian government. They left Russia on May 11, 1877 and got to New York just in time for the July 4th, Independence Day celebrations. All the way on the train from New York to Henderson, Nebraska, they heard firecrackers go off which gave them much concern for this seemingly was a lot worse and much more real than all the military service in Russia. In time they learned what all this benign "shooting" was about.

Cornelius Toews with his family came to Henderson in 1877 and stayed until 1893. During this time he did apparently not acquire land of his own but rented and worked as a carpenter. Abraham Suckau, another immigrant from Russia and whom the Toewses knew, induced them to move to Colorado and take up homesteads and secure land for a very small price. The Toewses went and stayed but the Suckaus returned later, some moved to Canada.

In Colorado the Toewses settled not far from Genoa, but at that time Bovina was their post office. This was a distance of about 6 miles. Only the boys could take up homesteads because the father had not become a citizen. As far as the family records show he never became naturalized. Their youngest daughter, Anna, Mrs. John Mackelburger, often went to Bovina on horseback. A goodly number of the Toews descendants still live in the Genoa area.

In 1903 the Toews family moved to Kirk where they bought a farm about 1½ miles n.w. from town for about \$4.00 an acre. The name "Kirk" comes from the name of a German farmer living there by the name "Neukirch" (new church). Joes, 5 miles further northwest got its name the same way from a farmer called Joseph White. The place was named "Joes." The Suckaus had come to Kirk in 1894. Mr. Suckau died there and the rest of the family went back to Henderson and Canada. All the Toews sons, except George who stayed at Henderson, took up homesteads in Colorado.

Colorado was a pretty wild country at this time. When the first settlers came the rattlesnakes were so numerous that the donkeys refused to go when they heard them 'sish' with their tails in the grass. Only after they heard the bang of the shotgun which was always ready and tied to the handles of the plow and knowing that the danger was passed, would they start up again.

Their first house was made of sod, plowed up and piled one on top of another. The roof was made of poles covered with grass

and dirt. As soon as they could they got lumber and made the roof and window frames of wood.

Beside the house they planted an orchard which later dried up, but some stunted mulberry trees are still standing. Their father was very particular about the appearance of the place.

The family records show that grandfather Cor. Toews was thorough, open-minded, enterprising and capable. His records of baptisms and marriages show completeness. Here are some of the entries:

Cor. Toews was baptized by bishop Heinrich Toews in Klee-feld, Russia in 1862.

Sarah Neufeld, Blumenstein, Russia, Mrs. Toews later, was baptized in 1863 by bishop Bernhard Peters.

Cornelius Toews and Sarah Neufeld were married by Rev. Abraham Wiens, Kleefeld, Russia.

The Toewses arrived in New York on July 4, 1877.

The Cor. Toewses settled in Sutton County, Nebr. July 1877.

Son Peter was baptized in 1890 by bishop Peter Friesen, in Henderson, Nebr., York County.

Son Cornelius, born one hour after Peter, was baptized at the same time that Peter was.

Son George was baptized on Mar. 22, 1900 at Henderson by bishop Peters.

Daughter Sarah was baptized in 1893 by bishop Peter Friesen of Henderson.

Daughters Helena and Elizabeth were baptized on June 17, 1896, by bishop Peter Friesen at Henderson.

John and Anna were baptized in 1903 by bishop Peter Friesen, Henderson.

Anna and her husband, John Mackelburger, joined the Mennonite Brethren Church in 1905.

Cor. Toews' obituary appeared in the "Zionsbote," 1919.

Colorado offered ample opportunity for extended enterprise but did not offer exceptionally much by way of material wealth. Pioneer days were difficult and only the fittest survived. For us, that look in on the pioneer days of this family, we must say that these relatives were truly of the best and sturdiest stock Colorado has ever had. Dry farming used to be much more a "hit and miss" business than it is now. Crops today are more varied and improved to be able to compete with the weather. The tilling of the soil is also much improved by different machines and facilities. We have much reason to say that the Toewses in Colorado have done a remarkable job.

CORNELIUS TOEWS

2nd Generation

Cornelius Toews

born July 19, 1840
in Lindenau, Russia
died October 27, 1919
at Joes, Colorado
of dropsy
Age: 79 years, 4 months,
8 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite
Married to Sarah Neufeld
on Sept. 29, 1866
in Kleefeld, Russia
born Feb. 3, 1842
in Blumenstein, Russia
died Jan. 15, 1932
at Joes, Colorado
Age: 89 years, 11 months,
12 days
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite

3rd Generation - Children

Peter

born June 5, 1868
in Kleefeld, Russia
died August 8, 1951
in Denver, Colorado
Age: 83 yr. 2 mo. 3 da.
Occupation: Farmer
Was baptized by Rev. Peter
Friesen at Henderson in
1890 and was always a mem-
ber of the Mennonite Ch.

Cornelius (twin brother to
Peter and born an hour
later) June 5, 1868
in Kleefeld, Russia
died August 25, 1946
in Denver, Colorado
Age: 78 yr. 2 mo. 20 da.
(cont. next column)

Occupation: Farmer
Was baptized at the
same time as Peter
and belonged to the
same church all
their lives.

Gerhard

born April 5, 1870
in Kleefeld, Russia
died July 16, 1929
at Henderson, Nebr.

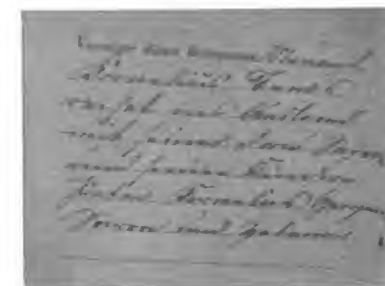
Sarah (John Janzen)
born April 23, 1873
at Kleefeld, Russia
died Jan. 4, 1954
at Genoa, Colorado

Helena (George Janzen)
born Nov. 27, 1875
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Dec. 20, 1928
at Canon City and
buried in Genoa,
Colorado cemetery.

Elizabeth (Fast)
born Oct. 7, 1878
at York, Nebraska

Johan
born Feb. 21, 1881
at Henderson, Nebr.
died Nov. 23, 1952
at Henderson, Nebr.

Anna (Meckelburger)
born Sept. 12, 1884
at Henderson, Nebr.



The two top pictures are pages from Cornelius Toews' passport when his family came over in 1877. On the right hand picture you will notice that his name is spelled "Tews." On the flyleaf is the whole name written by himself, most likely "Kornelius Töws."

The two bottom pictures show what the Cornelius Toews' original home place about 2 miles from Kirk, Colo. looks like today. The buildings has been removed but the trees were still there. Mrs. Toews stands beside the tree that had been close to the house.



The home of Cor. Toews at Kirk, Colo., a few miles from Joes. The house stood where the holes in the other pictures are now. The windmill is still standing

Translation of Cornelius Toews' original passport
from the German into the English

The bearer of this passport, as a Russian subject is granted an exit visa to emigrate from the village of Kleefeld in the Halbstaedter county in the province of Bepdjernker; Cornelius Peter Toews; his wife, Sara Toews; his sons; Peter, Cornelius and Gerhard; and his daughters; Sara and Helena; and permitted to leave permanently to settle in America.

As a further attestation of this permission to emigrate this passport is stamped in Simferopol, in the province of Taurien, with the seal of His Highness, the governor of Taurien, the Mayor Kerwacherlesky, the director of the Consulate for America.

(We note here that Cornelius Toews spelled his name with "Peter" for his middle name, the given name of his father. Most Toewses followed this custom here in America. For instance my name is Abraham "Peter" Toews and my cousin's name was Abraham "Abraham" Toews - A. A. Toews, the owner of the Variety Store in Steinbach. Sometimes this became quite involved; for example in my brother Henry's wife, whose name was Eva "Peter" Toews - another Toews family but doing the same thing.)



This picture is Mrs. Cornelius Toews' (nee Sarah Neufeld) brother and his family. It was taken in Russia. Mrs. Cor. Toews had no relation in America. They all stayed in Russia and died there. For grandmother Toews the trip across the ocean was very lonesome and was very sorry she came to America. She would have gone back would it not have been for her family. Her relation did not make any effort to have her come back. She died and is buried in the cemetery at Joes, Colorado.

Our father Cornelius Toews also made these entries:

My beloved wife's father died in Kleefeld, Russia on Jan. 24, 1862, age 55 years, 8 months and 12 days. Her mother died on Sept. 20, 1892.

This is our father's tombstone in the Mennonite Brethren cemetery at Joes, Colo., saying:

TOEWS

Cornelius Toews
born July 19, 1840
died Oct. 27, 1919



Englewood Twins, 74, Claim Title of Oldest and Most Amiable Duo in Denver Area

Cornelius and Peter Toews did not get married. The following account of their lives appeared in the Denver daily paper.



Cornelius Toews

Peter Toews

Peter and Cornelius Toews can claim the title of the oldest twins in Denver's metropolitan area until a couple of octogenarians came along.

They also can claim the title of the nation's oldest unmarried twins. If there is a title for twins who have lived longest together without having a serious fight, then the Toewses might as well put in their bid.

Moreover, if there are twins in the United States who have worked harder and longer to make crops from "contrarier" land than that on which the Toews twins toiled. Cornelius and Peter will bow to them.

Cornelius and Peter were born June 5, 1868 in a small town in Southern Russia. Having reached the age of 74, they see no reason why they should not keep going indefinitely. Their mother, Mrs. Sarah Toews, died in 1932 a few days before her 90th birthday.

The twins came to this country with their parents when they were nine. The appeal of the earth was strong and the family settled near Henderson, Nebr. in 1893, Peter and Cornelius struck out for themselves and homesteaded near Genoa, Colo. Years later they bought a farm near Kirk, Colo., 22 miles north of Stratton.

Seven years ago, Cornelius and Peter decided they had fought long enough the stubborn soil and retired. Three weeks ago they moved to Englewood to stay with a sister, Mrs. Anna Mackelburger, 4003 S. Grant St. The twins adapted themselves readily in their new surroundings and may be seen almost daily taking walks together in the neighborhood.

Having stuck together these 74 years, the twins see no reason for lone-wolfing it now. "Sure, we stick together always," explained Cornelius. That means the twins probably will chalk up a couple of votes for Wendell L. Willkie on Nov. 5. "We vote Republican mostly, but not all the time," continued Cornelius.

There is one exception to the adhesiveness of the twins. Cornelius came downtown yesterday with his nephew, Ted Mackelburger, 26, to see a picture show. Peter remained at home. Peter, it seems is not a great admirer of Hollywood's great efforts for art. Cornelius doesn't exactly gush about motion pictures and he has no favorite stars, according to his nephew. "If he likes the show, it's a good show," Mr. Mackelburger said, "if he doesn't like it then it's no good. His comments stops there."

The twins are not sorry that matrimony missed them. After members of the family grew up and scattered, their mother lived with them, cooked and did the laundry.

Even at their age, the twins can't get away from the earth and their favorite recreation is gardening. "They just don't like to be idle," Mr. Mackelburger said. During their 74 years, the twins have studiously avoided illness and hospitals. Peter accounted for their only hospital visit, two months in 1937.

Peter and Cornelius are the oldest members of the family. They have three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Jansen of Genoa, Mrs. Elizabeth Fast of Kirk, and Mrs. Mackelburger, and a brother, John Toews of Kirk.

DEATH TAKES ONE OF 78-YEAR-OLD INSEPARABLE TWINS

Denver, Colo. Aug. 25, 1946:

Death Sunday separated twin brothers who had been inseparable for 78 years when Cornelius Toews died at the home of a nephew, D. T. Mackelburger, 4138 S. Grant. Except for two months in 1937 when his brother Peter was in a hospital, Cornelius and his twin had always been together. They had lived with the nephew since 1933 and came to Englewood six years ago in September. Born in southern Russia they came to the United States on July 4, Independence Day, 1877, and lived in Nebraska before moving to Colorado in 1893. The funeral for Cornelius was held Wednesday from Joes' with interment at Littleton. Survivors aside from the brother, Peter and nephew, D. T. Mackelburger, include a sister, Mrs. Sarah Jansen, Genoa, a sister, Mrs. Fast, Kirk, a brother, John, of Kirk, and Anna, a sister of Englewood, Colorado.

PETER TOEWS DIES: LIVED HERE 11 YEARS

Denver, Colo. Aug. 8, 1951:

Peter Toews died at the home of his nephew, D. T. Mackelburger on Wednesday Aug. 8.

Born in Russia on June 5, 1868, he came to the United States in 1877 and made his home in Nebraska until 1893 when he came to Colorado. He had lived in Englewood since 1940.

Mr. Toews was a twin brother of Cornelius Toews who passed away in August 1946. The two had never been separated except for two months when Peter was in the hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 11, at 1:30 at the Joes funeral home with interment at the Littleton cemetery. The Rev. W. O. Tomlin of the Pillar of Fire church in Englewood officiated.

Mr. Toews is survived by three sisters; Anna Mackelburger of Englewood, Elizabeth Fast of Kirk, and Sarah Jansen of Genoa; a brother, John Toews of Kirk, and the nephew, Mr. Mackelburger.



This picture was taken on the front steps of the Menonite Brethren Church at Joes, Colorado



John Jansen and his wife, nee Sarah Toews, and her brothers Cornelius and Peter. Picture was taken in the 30's.

3rd GenerationGerhard D. Toews

born April 5, 1870
in Kleefeld, Russia
died July 16, 1929
at Henderson, Nebraska
of heart failure
Age: 59 years, 3 months, 11 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Always, Menno-
nite General Conference
Married to Katharine Steingard
on Jan. 10, 1901
at Henderson, Nebraska
born Dec. 2, 1881
in South Russia
died May 15, 1955
at Henderson, Nebraska
of age and heart complications
Age: 73 years, 5 months, 13 days
Church affil.: Always, Menno-
nite General Conference

4th Generation - ChildrenAnna

born Oct. 6, 1901
at Henderson, Nebraska
died Feb. 26, 1949
in York, Nebr. Hospital

Jacob

born Sept. 12, 1905
at Henderson, Nebraska
died Feb. 21, 1906
of spinal meningitis
at Henderson, Nebraska

George

born Aug. 10, 1907
at Henderson, Nebraska
died March 10, 1913
at Meade, Kansas
of spinal meningitis

John

born Sept. 15, 1912
at Meade, Kansas

4th GenerationAnna Toews

born Oct. 6, 1901
at Henderson, Nebraska
died Feb. 26, 1949
at York, Nebraska Gen. Hosp.
of cancer
Age 47 yr., 4 mo., 20 days
Profession: She did all kinds
of odd jobs to raise her fam.
Church affil.: Always, Bethesda
Mennonite Church in Henderson
Married to Frank Kroeker
on Jan. 18, 1920
at Henderson, Nebraska
born May 31, 1894
at Arapahoe County, Colorado
died Dec. 16, 1932
in his home at Henderson,
Nebr., of cancer
Age: 38 yr., 6 mo., 16 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Always,
Bethesda Mennonite Church in
Henderson

5th Generation - ChildrenHerbert

born Oct. 17, 1920
at Henderson, Nebr.
died July 9, 1944
at St. Lo, France

Alma

born Dec. 19, 1921
at Henderson, Nebraska

James

born Dec. 15, 1923
at Henderson, Nebraska

Robert

born March 7, 1932
at Henderson, Nebraska

5th GenerationHerbert Kroeker

born Oct. 17, 1920
at Henderson, Nebraska
died July 9, 1944
at Saint Lo, France
was a World War II Casualty
Age: 23 yr., 8 mo., 21 days
Occupation: Carpenter at home;
later, in Army as First Aid Man
Church affil.: Before marriage,
none; later, Immanuel Menn. Ch.
in Los Angeles, California
Married to Betty Lou Schierling
on Oct. 26, 1941
in Immanuel Mennonite Church,
Los Angeles
born June 7, 1922
at Henderson, Nebraska
Profession: Teacher
Church affil.: Before Herb
passed away, Imman. Menn. Ch.,
Los Angeles; later, Baptist

6th Generation - ChildrenBonita Fae

born June 24, 1942
at York, Nebraska

6th GenerationBonita Fae Kroeker

born June 24, 1942
at York, Nebraska
Address: 17931 Devonshire
Northridge, California
Church affiliation: Always,
Baptist
Married to David Nowaczyk
on Dec. 14, 1963
at home in Los Angeles, Calif.
born Feb. 27
Occupation: Art Landscaper
Church affiliation: Formerly,
Catholic; now, Baptist

5th GenerationAlma Kroeker

born Dec. 19, 1921
at Henderson, Nebraska
Address: Henderson, Nebr.
Church affil.: Always, Beth.
Menn. (Gen. Conf.) at
Henderson, Nebr.
Married to Aaron Wall
on Sept. 19, 1943
at Henderson, Nebr.
born Nov. 25, 1920
at Henderson, Nebraska
Occupation: Steel bin Con-
struction Contractor
Church affil.: Always, Beth.
Menn. (Gen. Conf.) church at
Henderson, Nebraska

6th Generation - ChildrenElmer Dean

born July 4, 1944
at York, Nebr. Gen. Hosp.
Occupation: Teacher (teaching
German and Mathematics)
Church affil.: Beth. Menn. Ch.
at Henderson, Nebr.

Jerry Gene

born July 25, 1946
at York, Nebraska
at present with the
United States Army
No church affiliation

Homer Gail

born Sept. 12, 1950
at York, Nebraska
attends High School

Jorrain Ann

born April 25, 1953
at Henderson, Nebr.
in Grade Seven

Dale Lee

born Sept. 24, 1957
at Henderson, Nebr.
in Grade Three

5th GenerationJames Kroeker

born Dec. 15, 1923

at Henderson, Nebr.

Address: Henderson, Nebr.

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Bethesda

Mennonite Church, Henderson

Married to Alice Huebert

on May 28, 1946

at Henderson, Nebraska

born Sept. 29, 1927

in Hamilton County, Nebr.

Church affiliation: Always,

Bethesda Mennonite Church

at Henderson, Nebraska

6th Generation - ChildrenBurton Joe

born Oct. 24, 1947

at York, Nebr.

Student at present

Member of Bethesda Menno-
nite ChurchBruce James

born Sept. 28, 1949

born at York, Nebr.

Student at present

Jedfrey Ross

born Feb. 23, 1954

at Henderson, Nebraska

5th GenerationRobert Kroeker

born March 7, 1932

at Henderson, Nebraska

Address: Henderson, Nebraska

Occupation: Co-op Gas Truck

Driver

Church affiliation: Always,

Bethesda Mennonite Church at

Henderson, Nebraska

Married to Edith Peters

on June 5, 1955

at Henderson, Nebraska

born Sept. 9, 1932

at Hamilton County, Nebr.

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affiliation: Always,

Bethesda Mennonite Church at

Henderson, Nebraska

6th Generation - ChildrenStephanie Ann

born June 19, 1956

at Henderson, Nebraska

Kathryn Kay

born Jan. 25, 1961

at Henderson, Nebraska

4th GenerationJohn Toews

born Sept. 15, 1912

at Meade, Kansas

Address: 826 Mayhew,

York, Nebraska

Occupation: Carpenter

Church affiliation: Formerly,

none; now, Methodist at York

Married to Susie Mildred Otte

on Sept. 15, 1933

at Henderson, Nebraska

born Sept. 26, 1913

at Bradshaw, Nebraska

Church affiliation: Formerly,

none; now, Methodist

5th Generation - ChildrenEvelyn Marie

born Sept. 22, 1935

at Hampton, Nebr.

Martha Lucille

born Nov. 28, 1937

at Henderson, Nebr.

Profession: Secretary

Church affiliation: Methodist

Allen LeRoy

born May 25, 1943

at York, Nebraska

Occupation: U. S. Army

Church affiliation: None

5th GenerationEvelyn Marie Toews

born Sept. 22, 1935

at Hampton, Nebraska

Address: Geneva, Nebraska

Occupation: Secretary

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Methodist; now, Catholic

Married to Merlin Volkmer

on Aug. 10, 1957

at York, Nebraska

born Feb. 26, 1934

at

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always

Catholic

6th Generation - ChildrenRonald Blaine

born Sept. 4, 1958

at York, Nebraska

Patricia Kay

born Aug. 28, 1960

at York, Nebraska

Michael James

born Dec. 5, 1961

at Geneva, Nebraska

Susan Marie

born June 11, 1963

at Geneva, Nebraska

3rd GenerationSarah Toews

born April 23, 1873

in Kleefeld, Russia

died Jan. 4, 1954

in Denver, Colorado

of a stroke

Age: 80 years, 8 months, 12 days

Church affiliation: Always,
Mennonite

Married to John G. Janzen

on Jan. 20, 1895

at Genoa, Colorado

born July 4, 1869

at Kleefeld, Russia

died Jan. 20, 1950

at Genoa, Colorado

Age: 80 years, 6 months, 16 days

Occupation: Hardware and Im-
plement Business

Church affil.: Mennonite at
first; later, Christian Church

4th Generation - ChildrenSarah

born Oct. 20, 1895

at Genoa, Colorado

Mary

born March 18, 1898

at Genoa, Colorado

George

born April 3, 1901

at Genoa, Colorado

Lena

born June 19, 1903

at Genoa, Colorado

Daisy

born Jan. 8, 1906

at Genoa, Colorado

4th GenerationSarah Janzen

born Oct. 20, 1895

at Genoa, Colorado

Address: Denver, Colorado

Church affil.: None given

Married to Sam Sweetser

on July 8, 1914

at Genoa, Colorado

died in 1964

in San Diego, California

of cancer

Age: 70 years

Occupation: Truck Driver

Church affiliation: Always,
Baptist

Married to Frank Elsey

on Oct. 31, 1948

at Genoa, Colorado

born July 9, 1898

at Ashgrove, Missouri

died April 1965

in Denver, Colorado

Age: 66 years

Occupation: Retired

Church affiliation: None

5th Generation - ChildrenSamuel Earl Sweetser

on July 29, 1917

at Genoa, Colorado

Kenneth John Sweetser

on Dec. 31, 1920

at Genoa, Colorado

Robert Clair Sweetser

born March 23, 1923

at Genoa, Colorado



John Jansen and
his wife, Sarah
Toews (taken in
Denver about '47)



Sarah Elez, Denver,
Has a son in New
Mexico who raises
cotton.



Left to right (all child-
ren of John and Sarah
Jansen): Lena (Mrs.
Francil), George Jansen,
Mary (Mrs. Stramp), Sarah
(Elsey)

Taken March 1965 after
Mr. Elsey's decease

5th Generation

Earl Sweetser
 born July 29, 1917
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Denver, Colorado
 Occupation: Machinist, Rio
 Grande Railroad
 Church affil.: Always,
 Lutheran
 Married to Eleanor Specht
 on Sept. 16, 1937
 at Denver, Colorado
 born Aug. 18, 1920
 at Denver, Colorado
 Church affil.: Always,
 Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Shirley Alice Madonia
 born Sept. 15, 1938
 at Denver, Colorado

Lionel John
 born May 18, 1943
 at Denver, Colorado

Sheila Ann
 born Feb. 27, 1946
 at Denver, Colorado

Synne Jay
 born April 15, 1954
 at Denver, Colorado

6th Generation

Shirley Alice Sweetser
 born Sept. 15, 1938
 at Denver, Colorado
 Address: Denver, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Always
 Lutheran
 Married to John Madonna
 on Aug. 5, 1956
 at Denver, Colorado
 born 1938
 at Denver, Colorado
 Occupation: Glazier
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Catholic; now, Lutheran

7th Generation - Children

Daniel John
 born May 15, 1962
 at Denver, Colorado

Darell Dean
 born May 21, 1963
 at Denver, Colorado

Delissa
 born Aug. 16, 1965
 at Denver, Colorado

5th Generation

Lionel John Sweetser
 born May 18, 1943
 at Denver, Colorado
 Address: Colorado Springs,
 Colorado
 Occupation: Auto Mechanic
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Lutheran
 Married to Shirley Howard
 on Nov. 2, 1963
 at Denver, Colorado
 born Dec. 18, 1944
 at Denver, Colorado
 Church affiliation: None
 given

6th Generation - Children

Deborah Ann
 born Sept. 20, 1964
 at Fort Ord, California

5th Generation

Kenneth John Sweetser
 born Dec. 31, 1920
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Demming, New Mexico
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Presbyterian
 Married Mary Stark
 on May 11, 1946
 at Demming, New Mexico
 born Oct. 8, 1925
 at Demming, New Mexico
 Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - Children

John Stark Sweetser
 July 25, 1947
 at Denver, Colorado

Sue Zenna Sweetser
 born Dec. 1, 1948
 at Denver, Colorado

Mary Christine Sweetser
 born Sept. 15, 1950
 at Silver City, New Mexico

Martin Kenneth Sweetser
 born Sept. 19, 1951
 at Silver City, New Mexico

5th Generation

Robert Clair Sweetser
born March 23, 1923
at Denver, Colorado
Address: Denver, Colorado
Occupation: Mechanic of
Heavy Equipment
Church affil.: Always, Baptist
Married to Jessie Loretta
Wellman on Feb. 11, 1943
at Denver, Colorado
born Nov. 25, 1927
at Last Chance, Colorado
Church affil.: Always, Catholic

6th Generation - Children

Sharon Lee Cadwaldader
born May 27, 1944
at Denver, Colorado
Joani Arlene Dischner
born Aug. 23, 1947
at Denver, Colorado
Michael Robert
born Aug. 12, 1955
at Denver, Colorado

My, isn't this awful weather? We have had the worst winds and about 4 inches of rain (June 16) the last three weeks but nothing like they are having in Denver today and at Palmer Lake. We are in the rain and hail area for tonight but I doubt if we get much more than the wind and it has been bad all day. We have had the furnace turned on as it's so damp and chilly. Sarah and Bob drove down one day in the latter part of May. She brought down a stone for her baby's grave. She had gotten one for Frank's grave too but they wouldn't put it up until after memorial day. She keeps busy in her yard. She has started a lawn this spring. She looks much better. We haven't seen much of Lena and Alfred lately. He keeps so busy with his work. Harold and Marge were here a few days and we got to visit.

Love, Mary
Genoa, Colo.

6th Generation

Sharon Lee Sweetser
born May 17, 1944
at Denver, Colorado
Address: Thornton, Colorado
Church affiliation: Always,
Catholic
Married to James Cadwaldader
on
at
born
at
Occupation: Painter
Church affil.: Always, Catholic

7th Generation - Children

Tammie Marie
born Oct. 3, 1963
at Denver, Colorado

A letter written by Mary Jansen, Burrous,
Stramp to her aunt Anna Toews Mackelburger

- - -
Dear Aunt Annie: - Lena told me you wanted
this information on my family this month,
so I've finally gotten it ready to go. I
hope it's what you want.

4th Generation

Mary Jansen
born Mar. 18, 1898 at Genoa,
Colorado. Address: Genoa,
Colo. Profession: Post-
mistress for 28 years
Church affil.: Before mar.,
none; after mar., Evang.
United Brethren
Married to Willie Bennett
Burrows on Jan. 13, 1918
at Hugo, Colorado
born Nov. 20, 1890
at Decatur, Illinois
died Dec. 18, 1944
at Larkspur, Colorado
of coronary thrombosis
Age: 54 years, 28 days
Occupation: State Highway
Maintenance
Church affil.: None before
and after marriage
Married to Charles Harry Stramp
on Sept. 3, 1949
at Genoa, Colorado
born Jan. 21, 1894
at Jennings, Kansas
died June 12, 1966
at Santa Fe, New Mex.
of a heart attack
Age: 72 yr. 4 mo. 21 da.
Occupation: Rancher and
grain elevator business
Church affil.: after mar.,
Evang. United Brethren
5th Generation - Children
Wilma Ruth Burrous
born June 26, 1919
at Hugo, Colorado
died July 7, 1963
at Hugo, Colorado
William Harvey Burrous
born June 21, 1922
at Genoa, Colorado

5th Generation

Wilma Ruth Burrous born Jan. 26,
1919 at Hugo, Colorado
Address: Karval, Colorado
Prof.: Beauty operator and sec.
Died July 7, 1963 at Hugo, Colo.
of Hodgkins disease
Age: 44 years, 11 days
Church affil.: Before marriage,
none; after marriage, Lutheran
Married to Gordie L. Gunderson
on May 7, 1937 at Kit Carson,
Colorado
born Oct. 12, 1912
at Karval, Colorado
Occupation: Laborer
Church affil.: Always, Lutheran
Divorced in 1943
Married to Kenneth O. Kravig
on Nov. 17, 1944
at Karval, Colorado
born Jan. 27, 1913
at Karval, Colorado

Marian Eva
Burrous born
June 21, 1922
at Genoa, Colo.
Mary Kathryn
Burrous born
Sept. 13, 1924
at Genoa, Colo.
Raymond Charles
Burrous born
Aug. 29, 1929
at Genoa, Colo.
Judith Lea
Burrous born
Jan. 26, 1940
at Limon, Colo.

Occup: Farmer
Ch. affil.: Al-
ways, Lutheran
6th Generation
Children
Carol Joyce Gun-
derson born Dec.
25, 1937 at
Genoa, Colo.
(adopted Kravig,
1947)
Gary Ellis Gun-
derson (adopted
Kravig, 1947)
born Oct. 10, 1942
at Denver, Colo.
Klair I Kravig
(adopted 1947)
born Mar. 31,
1933 at Karval,
Colo.

Mary Eileen Kravig
born Feb. 21, 1950
at Rocky Ford, Colorado

6th Generation

Carol Joyce Kravig (Gunderson)
 born Dec. 25, 1937
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Church affil.: Always,
 Immanuel Lutheran
 Married to John Thomas Sutton
 on Sept. 9, 1955
 at Fowler, Colorado
 born Nov. 6, 1931
 at Kim, Colorado
 Occupation: United States Navy
 Church affil.: First Baptist
 Church, Key West, Florida

7th Generation - Children

Debra Gail
 born Nov. 30, 1960
 at Hugo, Colorado

David Eric
 born Oct. 30, 1963
 at Fort Dix, New Jersey

6th Generation

Gary Ellis Kravig (Gunderson)
 born Oct. 10, 1942
 at Denver, Colorado
 Address: Fowler, Colorado
 Occupation: Trucker
 Church affil.: Always,
 Immanuel Lutheran
 Married to Shirley Lorraine Heckart
 on Feb. 10, 1962
 at Hugo, Colorado
 born June 18, 1941
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Methodist

7th Generation - Children

Tammy Ray
 born Dec. 31, 1959
 at Pueblo, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Methodist

Kenneth Charles
 born Nov. 14, 1962
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Methodist

Jeri Lynn
 born Jan. 12, 1966
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Methodist

6th Generation

Klair I. Kravig (adopted)
 born Mar. 31, 1933
 at Karval, Colorado
 Address: Pueblo, Colorado
 Occupation: Retail clerk in
 Safeway Store
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Lutheran
 Married to Marjorie Marie Bonds
 on Sept. 8, 1957
 at Fowler, Colorado
 born July 7, 1939
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado
 Church affil.: Before marriage,
 Methodist; after marriage,
 Lutheran

7th Generation - Children

Julie Ann
 born Aug. 22, 1958
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

Vicki Jo Kravig
 born Dec. 18, 1960
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

Brenda Sue
 born July 31, 1962
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

Rodney Karl
 born Feb. 16, 1965
 at Pueblo, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

5th Generation

William Harvey Burrous
 born Jan. 21, 1922
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Sunnyvale, California
 Occupation: United States Navy
 Church affiliation: Before
 marriage, none; after marriage,
 Church of Christ
 Married to Lois June Mason
 on May 1, 1946
 at Genoa, Colorado
 born June 19, 1922
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Before
 marriage, none; after marriage,
 Church of Christ

6th Generation - Children

Randy Dean
 born Sept. 27, 1948
 at Limon, Colorado
 Member of Church of Christ

Scott Gregory
 born Feb. 18, 1950
 at Corpus Christi, Texas

Bille Sue
 born January 6, 1955
 at Coronada, California

Todd Lee Burrous
 July 4, 1959
 at Chula Vista, California

5th GenerationMary Kathryn Burrous

born Sept. 13, 1924

at Genoa, Colorado

Address: Pueblo, Colorado

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical United Brethren

Married to Lila Augusta Shelton

on Nov. 15, 1942

at Colorado Springs, Colorado

born Nov. 29, 1921

at Larkspur, Colorado

Occupation: Electronics

Inspector, Pueblo Ordnance

Depot, Colorado

Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - ChildrenDonald Ray

born Dec. 31, 1954

at Pueblo, Colorado

Mark Wayne

born Oct. 3, 1956

at Pueblo, Colorado

5th GenerationRaymond Charles Burrous

born Aug. 29, 1929

at Genoa, Colorado

Address: Pueblo, Colorado

Occupation: Management Engineer

Technician

Church affil.: Before marriage,

Evangelical United Brethren;

after marriage, the Christian

Church

Married to Elizabeth Ann Coleman

on Dec. 7, 1952

at Pueblo, Colorado

born July 13, 1930

at La Junta, Colorado

Profession: Accounting clerk

Church affiliation: None, before

marriage; after marriage, The

Christian Church

6th Generation - ChildrenRobert Michael

born Oct. 16, 1958

at Pueblo, Colorado

Sandra Ray

born Mar. 1, 1961

at Pueblo, Colorado

5th GenerationJudith Lea Burrous

born Jan. 26, 1940

at Limon, Colorado

Address: Limon, Colorado

Church affiliation: Before

marriage, Evangelical United

Brethren; after marriage,

Methodist

Married to Donald Roy Monks

on June 16, 1957

at Genoa, Colorado

born Feb. 22, 1936

at Limon, Colorado

Occupation: Brakeman

Church affiliation: Before

and after marriage, Methodist

6th Generation - ChildrenDuane Keith

born Mar. 14, 1959

at Denver, Colorado

Allen LeRoy

born April 19, 1961

at Hugo, Colorado

4th GenerationGeorge K. Jansen

born April 3, 1901

at Genoa, Colorado

Address: Pueblo, Colorado

Occupation: Retired

Church affiliation: Always,

Christian Church

Married to La Vaunne ViolaGunsaulis on Nov. 22, 1930

at Canon City, Colorado

born July 3, 1913,

at Fairview, Oklahoma

Profession: Practical Nurse

Church affiliation: Always,

Christian Church

5th Generation - ChildrenGeorge Keith

born June 4, 1933

at Canon City, Colorado

died Aug. 7, 1935

at Pueblo, Colorado

of Polio

Richard Joe

born Sept. 5, 1937

at Pueblo, Colorado

John Lee

born March 10, 1945

at Pueblo, Colorado

College student at present

5th Generation

Richard Joe Jansen
 born Sept. 5, 1937
 at Pueblo, Colorado
 Occupation: Colorado Fuel and
 Iron Corporation
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Christian Church
 Married to Carol Ann Chorak
 on Dec. 28, 1955
 at Pueblo, Colorado
 born March 18, 1939
 at Buelah, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Christian Church

6th Generation - Children

Barry Eugene
 born July 13, 1960
 at Pueblo, Colorado

Robert Jon
 born Dec. 2, 1964
 at Pueblo, Colorado

4th Generation

Lena Jansen
 born June 19, 1903
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Limon, Colorado
 Church affiliation: United
 Brethren
 Married to Alfred Francil
 on Jan. 16, 1923
 at Genoa, Colorado
 born Oct. 11, 1896
 at Omaha, Nebraska
 Occupation: Farmer, now
 retired
 Church affiliation: United
 Brethren

5th Generation - Children

Alfred John
 born Oct. 17, 1923
 at Genoa, Colorado

Lorraine
 born Aug. 28, 1927
 at Genoa, Colorado

Harold C. Francil
 born March 26, 1931
 at Genoa, Colorado



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Francil,
 Limon, Colorado, daughter of
 Sarah and John Jansen.

5th Generation

Alfred John Francil
 born Oct. 17, 1923
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Clarkson, Ontario,
 Canada
 Occupation: Factory, manu-
 facturing tank care
 Church affiliation: Before
 marriage, none; after marriage,
 Catholic
 Married to Charlotte Roach
 in August 1942
 in Boston, Massachusetts
 born
 in Boston, Mass.
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Catholic
 Married to Gladys Chisolm
 on July 5, 1956
 in
 born March 24, 1928
 in Nova Scotia, Canada
 Church affiliation: Catholic

6th Generation - Children

Alice Babiaga
 born April 19, 1943
 at Boston, Mass.

Janice Daley
 born Oct. 20, 1945
 at Genoa, Colorado

John E.
 born May 30, 1947
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Church affiliation: Catholic

James A.
 born Sept. 16, 1948
 at Boston, Mass.
 Church affiliation: Catholic

Deborah
 born March 13, 1952
 at Boston, Mass.
 Church affil.: Catholic

Donald
 born June 14, 1957
 at Limon, Colorado

Diane
 born July 7, 1958
 at Limon, Colorado
 Church affil.: Catholic

Donna
 born Dec. 28, 1959
 at Rocky Ford, Colorado

David
 born Sept. 23, 1961
 at Limon, Colorado

5th Generation

Lorraine Francil
 born Aug. 28, 1927
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Alamosa, Colo.
 Church affil.: None
 given
 Married to Walter Self
 on June 16, 1946
 at Genoa, Colorado
 born Aug. 28, 1927
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Occupation: Student
 Church affil.: Reor-
 ganized Latter Day
 Saints

6th Generation - Children

Karen
 born Oct. 4, 1947
 at Genoa, Colorado

Connie
 born Jan. 6, 1950
 at Genoa, Colorado

Carmen
 born Nov. 20, 1953
 at Genoa, Colorado

Paula
 born Feb. 2, 1955
 at Genoa, Colorado

5th Generation

Harold C. Francil
 born March 26, 1931
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Craig, Colorado
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:
 Congregational
 Married to Marjorie Self
 on Sept. 3, 1950
 at Genoa, Colorado
 born July 1, 1930
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Church affiliation:
 Congregational

6th Generation - Children

Douglas
 born Aug. 2, 1955
 at Genoa, Colorado

Denise
 born Jan. 11, 1959
 at Genoa, Colorado

4th Generation

Daisy Jansen
 born Jan. 8, 1906
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Jacksonville,
 Texas
 Church affil.: Always,
 First Assembly of God
 Married to James Marvin
 Reynolds
 on Feb. 4, 1928
 at Genoa, Colorado
 born July 8, 1894
 at Jacksonville, Texas
 died May 2, 1952
 at Nam Travis Hospital,
 Jacksonville, Texas
 of cerebral hemorrhage
 (stroke)
 Age: 58 years, 3 months,
 6 days
 Occupation: Farmer and
 real estate
 Church affil.: Always,
 Methodist

5th Generation - Children

Anna Lou
 born July 13, 1937
 at Jacksonville, Texas

Walter Eugene
 born March 11, 1939
 at Jacksonville, Texas

5th Generation

Anna Lou Reynolds
 born July 13, 1937
 at Jacksonville, Texas
 Church affil.: Always,
 Baptist
 Married to Jackie Joe
 Kirkpatrick
 on Dec. 21, 1954
 at Kilgore, Texas
 born Aug. 11, 1928
 at Kilgore, Texas
 Church affil.: None
 given

6th Generation - Children

Randall, Joe
 born Jan. 21, 1963
 at Tyler, Texas

Suzanne
 born Dec. 8, 1964
 at Tyler, Texas

5th Generation

Walter Eugene Reynolds
 born March 11, 1939
 at Jacksonville, Texas
 Address: Lufkin, Texas
 Occupation: Paper mill
 (type setter)
 Church affiliation:
 Always, Baptist
 Married to Ella Glover
 on June 7, 1958
 at Durant, Oklahoma
 born Oct. 8, 1938
 at Wells, Texas
 Profession: Beauty
 Operator
 Church affil.: Always,
 Baptist

6th Generation - Children

Walter Eugene
 born June 26, 1960
 at Jacksonville, Texas
 died March
 at Nan Travis Hospital,
 Jacksonville, Texas
 of spinal biffin

Belinda Lorene
 born June 19, 1961
 at Jacksonville, Texas

3rd Generation

Helena Toews

born Nov. 27, 1875
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Dec. 20, 1929
in Canon City, 1928 (Graves Hospital)
of cancer of the liver
age: 53 years and 23 days
Church affiliation: Mennonite,
before marriage; later, Evangelical;
and in Canon City to the
Christian Church
Married to Gerhard Jansen
on
at
born
at
died
at
Cause of death:
Age:
Occupation: farmer
Church affiliation: Mennonite, formerly;
later, Christian Church

4th Generation - Children

Helen

born
at

Obituary of Helena Toews Jansen

Helena Toews was born in Russia, November 27, 1875. When about one year she came with her parents to America and settled at Henderson, Nebraska, where they lived until 1893, when they moved to Lincoln County, Colorado, where she was united in marriage to Gerhard R. Jansen in 1897.

They made their home on a farm two and one-half miles north of Genoa until 1921, when they moved to Canon City, Colorado, where they resided at the time of her death, Dec. 20, 1928. Her age was 53 years and 23 days.

Her health had been failing for the last few months, and she was taken very ill Saturday evening, Dec. 15, and moved to Graves Hospital in Canon City, where an operation was performed on Sunday evening. It was found that she had a cancer on the liver, and her case was pronounced helpless, but she lingered on until the following Thursday.

Deceased united with the Christian church, November 13, 1921, and was faithful member at the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her death, a kind and faithful husband, a loving daughter, Helen, an aged mother, four brothers, three sisters, and numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the mortuary, conducted by the Christian Church in Canon City, Saturday, Dec. 22, at 11 o'clock, after which the remains were brought to Genoa for another service on Sunday, Dec. 23, which was conducted by Rev. Nash, in the Evangelical Church at 2:00 p.m.

E. P. Owen, Mrs. J. C. Ready, Mrs. O. H. Self, and Clint Kicks composed the quartette that sang, and Mrs. Barbara Baker played the piano. The Deitz Funeral Home had charge of the burial and the following acted as pall bearers: Floyd Howe, Wm. Martin, O. C. Allen, W. I. Peck, F. S. Paull, and W. M. Hoffman. The remains rested at the J. G. Jansen home after arrival here and were taken from there to the church. Interment was made in the Genoa cemetery.

The following relatives attended the funeral: Sisters - Mrs. Jacob Fast, her husband and family of Kirk; Mrs. John Mack, husband and family of Kirk; Mrs. J. G. Jansen and husband of Genoa; Brothers - John Taves of Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fast of Kirk; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fast, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fast, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Warkentine, all of Joes; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sweetser of Denver; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burrous, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Francil and George Jansen, all of Genoa.

She has gone, yes, Mother's gone
We miss her day by day
No longer heard about the home
In her quiet silent way.

Oh Jesus, come and guard this home
From every chilly blast
And may they find Thee ever near
Till life on earth is past.

Quietly the angels came
And relieved her of all pain
And Oh, so sad, we're left alone
But feel it's Mother's gain.

Some day blind eyes will open
Within them light will beam
And they'll behold the beauty
Of Christ, our coming King.

(Written by J. I. Bennet, a neighbor)

3rd GenerationElizabeth Toews

born Oct. 7, 1878

at York, Nebraska

died April 16, 1967

at Joes, Colorado

of heart trouble

Age: 88 years, 6 months,

9 days

Church affil.: She was

baptized by Rev. Peter

Friesen from Henderson

on June 17, 1896 at Genoa,

Colo., into the Mennonite

Church; later she affili-

ated with the Mennonite

Brethren Church.

Married to Jacob Fast

on June 17, 1896

at Genoa, Colorado

born Sept. 27, 1868

at Kleefeld, Russia

died March 6, 1935

at Joes, Colorado

of a heart attack

Age: 67 years, 5 months,

7 days

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always,

the Mennonite Church

4th Generation - ChildrenJacob

born April 25, 1897

at Genoa, Colorado

Sarah (Koop)

born April 28, 1899

at Joes, Colorado

died May 2, 1930

at Joes, Colorado

Anna (Warkentin)

born Jan. 1, 1901

at Joes, Colorado

Cornelius

born Nov. 13, 1903

at Joes, Colorado

John

born July 24, 1905

at Joes, Colorado

Isaac

born Jan. 24, 1908

at Joes, Colorado

Lena (Fadenrecht)

born July 24, 1910

at Joes, Colorado

George

born Feb. 22, 1914

at Joes, Colorado

This was written by Ted Mackelburger, son of Anna (Toews) Mackelburger.

"The week of April 10 we received word from Joes, Colorado (live in Denver), that Mom's sister, Aunt Elizabeth, was very ill. The pressure of work kept us from going out there until Sunday, April 16. We got there about 9:00 a.m. and found her very ill, but she recognized Mom and all the rest of us, but I could see she was very tired. The Dr. came out about 10:00 a.m. and he said no hope for her. We stayed there until about 2:00 p.m. and came home and she passed away to go home at 6:10 p.m. She was buried on Wed., April 19. Most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren were there. The only ones I could see missing were the ones in California.

"Mom seemed to stand the trip fairly well both times, but we can see where this was all hard on her. She is the only one left now. She has us, the grandchildren and nieces here but still she seems lonesome."

This is a letter
Ted Mackelburger
wrote to us in
St. Louis upon
the sickness and
death of his
Aunt Elizabeth

In Memory Of

ELIZABETH FAST

1878—1967

Funeral Service Held At
Joes Mennonite Church
Wed., April 19, 1967 At 2:00 P. M.

Minister: Rev. Edwin Rempel

Pianist: Mrs. Edwin Rempel

Quartet:

Henry Fadenrecht

Dave Heinrichs

Frank Unruh

Harold Clause

Selections

Asleep In Jesus

Safe In The Arms Of Jesus

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Casket Bearers

(Grandsons)

Earloy Fadenrecht

Elmer Fast

Marvin Fadenrecht

Walter Fast

Irwin Fast

Leonard Koop

Interment Joes, Colorado

Arrangements Morris Mortuary

*God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love...*

Below we have Mrs. Mackelburger
(Anna Toews) and Mrs. Jacob Fast
(Elizabeth Toews).



Mrs. Fast (Eliz. Toews)
in her home



Above we have the order of the
memorial service for Elizabeth Fast.



Above is the Jacob Fast's farm as it looks today. This was the Fast's homestead and is now owned by their youngest son, George. Mrs. Fast (Elizabeth Toews) lived with her children until she died, quite recently, April 16, 1967.



This is what the farm place looked like after a severe Colorado blizzard.



This is Mrs. Jacob Fast (Elizabeth Toews) standing in front of our car in their yard when we first visited any of our Cornelius Toews family. Before this we had never seen any of the Cornelius Toews descendants. This occasion was not only a thrill to me and Mrs. Toews, but also to the George Fast's and their mother. When we requested Mrs. Fast to stand in front of our car for a picture, she did so with an enthusiasm and relish which to us indicated an expression of belonging together to the same family. To us this pose seems to say, "Here I am one of the last of that second generation, fare ye well all my descendants."



4th GenerationJacob G. Fast

born April 25, 1897

at Genoa, Colorado

Address: 3717 W. Bayand Ave.

Denver, Colorado

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Tena Fadenrecht

on Dec. 23, 1919

at Joes, Colorado

born April 30, 1898

at Joes, Colorado

Church affiliation: Menno-
nite Brethren5th GenerationEsther Fast

born April 2, 1921

at Kirk, Colorado

Address: Denver, Colorado

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren; now, Baptist

Married to Herbert WalterHeimrichs on Dec. 12, 1940

at Joes, Colorado

born at Kirk, Colorado

on Feb. 13, 1916

Occupation: Truck Driver

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren; now,
Baptist5th GenerationEvelyn Fast

born Feb. 21, 1924

at Joes, Colorado

Address: Thornton, Colorado

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren; now,

none given

Married to Edsel Gene Hensley

on April 14, 1947

in Colorado

born May 7, 1924

in Colorado

Occupation: Salesman

Church affiliation: None

5th GenerationElmer Fast

born Jan. 22, 1927

Joes, Colorado

Address: 1410 S. Ingalls St.

Denver 26, Colorado

Occupation: Mechanic

Church affil.: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren; now,

Presbyterian

Married to Mary Lov Hensley

on August 22, 1948

at Joes, Colorado

born Jan. 1, 1930

at Joes, Colorado

Church affiliation: Formerly,
none; now, Presbyterian5th Generation - ChildrenEsther

born April 2, 1921

at Joes, Colorado

Evelyn

born Feb. 21, 1924

at Joes, Colorado

Elmer

born Jan. 22, 1927

at Joes, Colorado

Irvin

born Dec. 8, 1931

at Joes, Colorado

Laura

born April 14, 1936

at Joes, Colorado

6th Generation - ChildrenMelvin Herbert

born Dec. 29, 1941

at Stratton, Colorado

Church affiliation: Baptist

Delores Jane

born May 16, 1947

at Stratton, Colorado

Church affiliation: Baptist

Barbara Jean

born Oct. 14, 1958

at Denver, Colorado

Church affiliation: Baptist

6th Generation - ChildrenCarolyn Jean

born July 27, 1949

at Stratton, Colorado

Nancy Jo

born Feb. 9, 1954

at Denver, Colorado

Randy Jay

born Dec. 17, 1957

at Denver, Colorado

Jimmie Lynn

born March 30, 1960

at Denver, Colorado

6th Generation - ChildrenSharon Kay

born May 27, 1950

at Denver, Colorado

5th GenerationIrvin Fast

born Dec. 8, 1931
 at Joes, Colorado
 Address: Denver, Colorado
 Occupation: Driver Salesman
 Church affil.: None
 Married to Sulvig Lee Conarty
 on Jan. 25, 1957
 at Raton, New Mexico
 born Aug. 5, 1936
 at Denver, Colorado
 Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - ChildrenRicci Kevin

born May 27, 1957
 at Denver, Colorado

Lonnie Eugene

born Mar. 9, 1959
 at Denver, Colorado

5th GenerationLaura Fast

born April 4, 1936
 at Joes, Colorado
 Address: Denver, Colorado
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Virgil James Ruppel
 on Dec. 7, 1957
 at Denver, Colorado
 born Aug. 15, 1931
 at Johnstown, Colorado
 Occupation: Luggage Worker
 Church affiliation: None

Children - 6th GenerationRonnie Lee

born Oct. 14, 1958
 at Denver, Colorado

Debra Ann

born Feb. 23, 1961
 at Denver, Colorado

Dennis James

born June 16, 1963
 at Denver, Colorado

Donald Allen

born July 16, 1965
 at Denver, Colorado

4th GenerationSarah Fast

born April 18, 1899
 at Limon, Colorado
 Died April 26, 1930
 at Joes, Colorado
 Age: 31 years, 8 days
 Church affiliation: Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Jacob Koop
 on Oct. 16, 1919
 at Joes, Colorado
 born Mar. 21, 1894
 in South Russia
 Occupation: Farming and
 lumberyard work
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenDave

born Jan. 12, 1921
 at Joes, Colorado

John

born Jan. 10, 1923
 at Joes, Colorado

Bertha

born June 7, 1926
 at Joes, Colorado

Leonard

born April 13, 1930
 at Joes, Colorado

5th GenerationDavid Koop

born Jan. 12, 1921
 at Joes, Colorado
 Address: Reedley, Calif.
 Occupation: Teacher
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Helen Suderman
 on Jan. 30, 1948
 at Fresno, Calif.
 born Feb. 27, 1920
 at Reedley, Calif.
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenMary Ann

born April 14, 1949
 at Fresno, Calif.
 Church affiliation: Mennonite Brethren
 At present a student

James David

born Jan. 8, 1951
 at Fresno, Calif.
 Church affiliation: Mennonite Brethren
 At present a student

Ruth Elaine

born July 30, 1953
 at Fresno, Calif.
 Church affiliation: Mennonite Brethren

John

born Dec. 14, 1958
 at Reedley, Calif.

5th GenerationJohn Henry Koop

born June 10, 1923

at Joes, Colorado

Address: 3343 E. Brown

Fresno, California

Occupation: Knapp Shoe Salesman

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Malinda KatherinaGoertzen on July 29, 1944

at Abilene, Texas

born Oct. 10, 1924

at Henderson, Nebraska

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenGrace

born Sept. 29, 1945

at Reedley, Calif.

Sharon

born Oct. 11, 1948

at Reedley, Calif.

Church affil.: Mennonite

Brethren

At present a student

Kenneth

born Aug. 24, 1954

at Fresno, Calif.

Student at present

Wadine

born Aug. 26, 1956

at Reedley, Calif.

Student at present

5th GenerationBertha Koop

born June 7, 1926

at Joes, Colorado

Address: Golden, Colorado

Church affiliation: None

Married to Jess McCall

on March 4, 1950

at Akron, Colorado

born Aug. 7, 1930

at Juma, Colorado

Occupation: Carpenter

Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - ChildrenRaymond

born March 9, 1951

at Wray, Colorado

Jeannie

born July 22, 1952

at Wray, Colorado

Larry

born Dec. 24, 1953

at Yuma, Colorado

Barbara

born Aug. 9, 1955

at Yuma, Colorado

Randy

born May 27, 1957

at Yuma, Colorado

Jerry

born Aug. 29, 1959

at Yuma, Colorado

Trenton

born Feb. 7, 1961

at Yuma, Colorado

Baleby

born Oct. 15, 1962

at Yuma, Colorado

5th GenerationJacob Leonard Koop

born April 13, 1930

at Joes, Colorado

Address: Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Occupation: State Highway Dept.

Church affil.: Before marriage,

none; after marriage, Mennonite

Brethren

Married to Elizabeth LucilleFinley on July 30, 1950

at Joes, Colorado

born Dec. 30, 1932

at Kirk, Colorado

Church affiliation: Before

marriage, none; after marriage,

Mennonite Brethren at Burling-

ton, Colorado

6th Generation - ChildrenLeonard Allen

born Sept. 17, 1951

at Burlington, Colorado

died Sept. 17, 1951

at Burlington, Colorado

Gary Lynn

born Nov. 17, 1952

at Burlington, Colorado

Sharon

born Oct.

Karen Kay

born Oct. 27, 1955

at Burlington, Colorado

Sharon Rae

born Oct. 8, 1957

at Burlington, Colorado

4th GenerationAnna Fast

born Jan. 2, 1901

at Genoa, Colorado

Address: Joes, Colorado

Church affiliation: Always,

Joes Menn. Brethren Church

Married to Herman Donald War-kentin on Nov. 11, 1920

at Joes, Colorado

born Sept. 3, 1899

at Joes, Colorado

died Sept. 1, 1953

at Wray, Colorado

of cancer

54 years, less 2 days

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Joes Mennonite Brethren Church

4th Generation

Cornelius E. Fast
 born Nov. 13, 1902
 at Kirk, Colorado
 Address: Kirk, Colorado
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Mary Heinrichs
 on Aug. 25, 1926
 at Joes, Colorado
 born April 18, 1905
 at Kirk, Colorado
 Profession: Teacher
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - Children

Walter L.
 born April 5, 1929
 at Joes, Colorado

Doris Leora
 born February 10, 1933
 at Joes, Colorado

5th Generation

Walter Lee Fast
 born April 5, 1929
 at Joes, Colorado
 Address: Denver, Colorado
 Occupation: Employed,
 Public Serv. in Denver,
 Colorado
 Church affil.: None
 Married to Lucille C.
Swogger on Jan. 27, 1952
 at Stratton, Colorado
 born March 28, 1935
 at Stratton, Colorado
 Church affil.: Catholic

6th Generation - Children

Kenny Lee
 born April 29, 1953
 at Wray, Colorado

Linda Jo
 born May 5, 1956
 at Wray, Colorado

Norman Dean
 born Jan. 3, 1957
 at Wray, Colorado

Douglas Ray
 born Dec. 3, 1959
 at Wray, Colorado

Janet Kaye
 born May 29, 1964
 at Denver, Colorado

5th Generation

Doris Leona Fast
 born Feb. 10, 1933
 at Joes, Colorado
 Address: Yuma, Colo.
 Church affil.: None
 given
 Married to Earl Walter
Rehor on Aug. 14, 1954
 at New Mexico
 born May 23, 1929
 at Vona, Colorado
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: None

6th Generation - Children

Donna Lee
 born Feb. 5, 1955
 at Wray, Colorado

Norma Jean
 born Aug. 5, 1956
 at Wray, Colorado

4th Generation

John D. Fast
 born July 26, 1905
 at Joes, Colorado
 Address: Joes, Colorado
 Occupation: Farmer
 and rancher
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Tena L.
Heinrichs on Oct. 25,
 1928 at Joes, Colorado
 born Jan. 10, 1908
 at Joes, Colorado
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - Children

Lois Marilyn
 born March 10, 1931
 at Joes, Colorado

5th Generation

Lois Marilyn Fast
 born March 10, 1931
 at Joes, Colorado
 Address: Denver, Colorado
 Church affil.: None given
 Married to Walter Lee
Hursley on
 at
 born Jan. 3, 1932
 at Joes, Colorado
 Occupation: Working at
 Fram Ways
 Church affiliation: None
 given

6th Generation - Children

Terry Ruth
 born Jan. 30, 1958
 at Denver, Colorado

Dennis Lee
 born March 10, 1961
 at Denver, Colorado

4th GenerationIsaac J. Fast

born Jan. 24, 1908

at Kirk, Colorado

Address: Joes, Colorado

Occupation: Farming

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Charlotte Heinrichs

on April 6, 1932

at Joes, Colorado

born Dec. 15, 1912

at Joes, Colorado

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenDarlene Faye

born April 21, 1937

at Denver, Colorado

Marjorie Arlene

born April 10, 1943

at Denver, Colorado

5th GenerationDarlene Faye Fast

born April 21, 1937

at Denver, Colorado

Address: Newton, Kansas

Profession: Teaching and

nursing

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Jake Koslowsky

on June 22, 1957

at Joes, Colorado

born January 17, 1924

in Montana

Occupation: Plumber

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenDaryl Leroy

born June 7, 1958

at Goessel, Kansas

Cynthia Diane

born August 29, 1959

at Goessel, Kansas

5th GenerationMarjorie Arlene Fast

born April 10, 1943

at Denver, Colorado

Address: Moore, Oklahoma

Profession: Civil Service

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Tommy Gene Crow

on October 1, 1960

at Joes, Colorado

born October 11, 1938

at Holdenville, Oklahoma

Occupation: School janitor

Church affiliation: Before

marriage, none; after mar-

riage, Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenRonda Jean

born November 27, 1962

at Wray, Colorado

Vicki Lynn

born April 3, 1964

at Wray, Colorado

4th GenerationLena Fast

born July 24, 1910

at Kirk, Colorado

Address: Joes, Colorado

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Ed. L. Fadenrecht

on Dec. 6, 1931

at Joes, Colorado

born Nov. 14, 1907

at Kirk, Colorado

Occupation: Farmer and rancher

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenEarloyd G.

born Dec. 30, 1932

at Joes, Colorado

Wilfred D.

born Oct. 14, 1941

at Stratton, Colorado

Clarence E.

born April 27, 1944

at Stratton, Colorado

Marvin Jay

born June 28, 1946

at Stratton, Colorado

Church affiliation: Joes

Mennonite Brethren

5th GenerationEarloyd G. Fadenrecht

born Dec. 30, 1932

at Kirk, Colorado

Address: Joes, Colorado

Occupation: Custom harvesting
and trucking

Church membership before

marriage; none; after

marriage, Joes Mennonite

Brethren Church

Married to Connie Irene Cure

on Oct. 18, 1952

at Akron, Colorado

born Dec. 14, 1934

in Nebraska

Church affiliation: Before

marriage, none; after marriage,

Joes Mennonite Brethren Church

6th Generation - ChildrenSharlen Kay

born Nov. 2, 1953

at King City, California

Randi Sue

born April 7, 1955

at Akron, Colorado

Delbert E.

born Jan. 13, 1963

at Akron, Colorado

5th GenerationWilfred D. Fadenrecht

born Oct. 14, 1941

at Stratton, Colorado

Address: Fresno, California

Occupation: Student and
carpet layer

Church affiliation: Always

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Bonnie Graumann

on Aug. 11, 1963

at Harvey, North Dakota

born May 9, 1943

at Harvey, North Dakota

Profession: Secretary

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

5th GenerationClarence E. Fadenrecht

born April 27, 1944

at Stratton, Colorado

Address: Cape, Colorado

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Lola Annette Hilbert

on May 17, 1964

at Joes, Colorado

born Oct. 16, 1946

at Yuma, Colorado

Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - ChildrenJoann Marlene

born June 25, 1965

at Yuma, Colorado

4th GenerationGeorge Fast

born Feb. 27, 1914

at Joes, Colorado

Address: Joes, Colorado

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Esther L.Heinrichs on Nov. 25,

1937 at Joes, Colo.

born Nov. 24, 1915

at Joes, Colorado

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite Brethren



Mrs. Elizabeth Toews Fast and
her children, George Fast.

5th Generation -
ChildrenClifford

born Nov. 27, 1944

at Yuma, Colorado

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation:

Mennonite Brethren

Joyce Maxine

born Aug. 30, 1941

at Yuma, Colorado

The George Fast's farm is about a mile east of the Joes Menn. Brethren Church. Clarence is his father's right hand on the farm. They have a number of cows, pigs and quite a bit of poultry. George stayed on his parents' farm. His mother (Elizabeth Toews) has her permanent home with them.



This is their daughter Joyce Fast Sawatzky with her baby which she left with her mother while she went to work in the Kirk bank, about 3 miles away. The old Cornelius Toews home- stead lies between this farm and Kirk.

5th GenerationJoyce Maxine Fast

born Aug. 30, 1941

at Yuma, Colorado

Address: Joes, Colo.

Profession: Bank Clerk

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Robert LeeSawatzky on Jan. 4,

1962 at Joes, Colorado

born Jan. 30, 1941

at Butler, Oklahoma

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation -
ChildrenBrenda Maxine

born Oct. 1, 1962

at Wray, Colorado

Curtis Lee

born March 29, 1966

at Wray, Colorado



This is the Mennonite Brethren church at Joes. The church is a little east of Joes and the George Fast farm where Grandma Elizabeth Toews Fast now stays with her children (about a mile east of the church). The parsonage is on the left and Rev. Warkentin here waters the flowers in front. To the right is the cemetery where great-grandparents, Cornelius Toews are buried. John Taves and others are also buried here. Elizabeth Toews now belongs with her children to this church. The first church building was a sod-house and on the opposite side of the road. The road in front and going to the left goes to Joes and the right to the Fast's. A goodly number of the membership of this church has its roots in the Cornelius Toews family.



3rd GenerationJohn Toews

born Feb. 21, 1881
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died Nov. 23, 1952
 at Joes, Colorado
 Age: 70 years, 9 months,
 2 days
 died of a heart attack
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Katie Fast
 on Oct. 11, 1908
 at Kirk, Colorado
 born Sept. 7, 1886
 at Henderson, Nebr.
 died of
 heart attack
 at Yuma, Colorado
 Church affil.: Menn.

Rock of Ages

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in thee;
 Let the water and the blood,
 From thy wounded side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure,
 Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow,
 Could my zeal no languor know,
 These for sin could not atone;
 Thou must save and thou alone:
 In my hand no price I bring;
 Simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When my eyes shall close in death,
 When I rise to worlds unknown,
 And behold thee on thy throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in thee.

JOHN N. TAVES

Born February 21, 1881
 Died November 23, 1952

Funeral Service Held At
 Joes Mennonite Brethren Church
 Tuesday, November 25, 1952
 At 2:00 P. M.
 Minister Rev. Eldo Ratzloff

Interment Joes, Colorado
 Arrangements Morris Mortuary



On the right is Mr. and Mrs. John Toews (Taves) and Mrs. John Mackelburger, John's sister.

John Taves memorial

John Toews (Taves) tombstone
 on the Mennonite Brethren
 cemetery at Joes, Colorado



3rd Generation

Anna Toews born Sept. 12, 1884 at Henderson, Nebr. Address: 4158 S. Grant, Englewood, California Still living - June 4, 1966. Church affil.: Formerly, Menn. Gen. Conf.; now, Menn. Breth. Married to John F. Mackelburger on Oct. 4, 1903 at Kirk, Colorado born June 24, 1878 at Henderson, Nebr. died Oct. 4, 1957 at Englewood, Colorado of heart disease Occupation: Retired Farmer Age: 79 yr., 3 mo., 10 da. Ch. affil.: Formerly, Menn. Gen. Conf.; later, Mennonite Brethren

4th Generation - Children

David Theodore born Nov. 25, 1913 at Omaha, Nebraska



Mackelburgers Are Honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

A golden wedding anniversary was celebrated here Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. John Mackelburger, 4158 S. Grant, were honored at a dinner and all day reception.

Host and hostess at the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mackelburger, son and daughter-in-law of the couple, at whose home the elder Mackelburgers live.

The Mackelburgers were married on Oct. 4, 1903, at Kirk, Colo. Mr. Mackelburger had come to Colorado from Nebraska the year before to homestead. For 37 years they farmed in Yuma, coming to Englewood in 1940 to live with their only son, his wife and four sons.

Mrs. Mackelburger, a native of Colorado, is 69 years old. Her husband is 74.

One of Mrs. Mackelburger's sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Fast, 75, of Kirk, attended the celebration Sunday. Her other sister, Mrs. Sarah Jensen, 83, is confined to a convalescent home and was unable to be present. Mr. Mackelburger's brother of Reedley, Calif., was also unable to attend.

Others present were seven of Mrs. Mackelburger's nephews and nieces and their families: Mr. and Mrs. George Fast; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fast, all of Kirk; Mr. and Mrs. John Fast; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fast; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roop; Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Fadenrecht; and Mrs. Anna Warkentin, all of Joes.

Friends and neighbors who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Turner, and Myron DeBoer, all of Englewood.

Mrs. Anna Mackelburger standing in front of her home at 4158 Grant, Denver. Taken in 1965 when the material for the Toews book was gathered.



The Cornelius Toews family observing the John Mackelburger golden wedding. The Mackelburgers stand in front.



This is the last home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mackelburger. The house on the far right is the house belonging to Peter and Cornelius. In the middle is an old sod house; now it is used as a wellhouse. This place is half a mile from their parents' place which is 2 miles north and one mile west of Kirk, Colorado.



Harvesting corn on the Mackelburger farm. Had a good crop that year.



Mackelburger's barn at Joes, Colo.



The Mackelburger home in Denver (Englewood) 4158 S. Grant.



Carl Mackelburger from Reedley, Calif. took this picture. Mrs. John Mackelburger did not want the picture taken. Mrs. John Mackelburger said when she gave me the picture that they had "much fun on that day."



Elizabeth Toews Fast and Anna Toews Mackelburger



Mr. and Mrs. John Mackelburger. This was taken just before John took sick and had bought a burial plot.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mackelburger married the same year and started their own home much the same as Mr. and Mrs. John P. Heinrichs, their neighbors and with whom they met every Sunday in the Mennonite Brethren church at Joes.

Both couples moved with their parents from Hampton, Nebraska to Colorado. They grew up there and attended the Mennonite Brethren Sod church across the road from where the present church at Joes is located. They attended the little sod schoolhouse two and a half miles east of Joes.

The Mackelburgers were married by Rev. Jacob Friesen. Their first possessions were meager. They had a cow, a few chickens and a few pieces of furniture. Like other young couples their first house was built of sod and about 10x12 feet. Cows sold at that time for \$10.00, slaughter beef for \$5.00, flour 90 cents for 50 pounds, butter 15 cents a pound and eggs 6 cents a dozen.

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4th Generation

David Theodore Mackelburger
born Nov. 25, 1913
at Omaha, Nebraska
Address: 4158 S. Grant
Englewood, Colorado
Occupation: Food Wholesale
Warehouseman
Church affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite Brethren; now,
Methodist
Married to Margaret Fast
on March 9, 1934
at Yuma, Colorado
born
at
Profession: Restaurant
Church affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite Gen. Conf.; now,
Methodist

5th Generation - Children

Frank John
born Oct. 2, 1938
at Kirk, Colorado
Occupation: Truck Driver
Church affiliation: None

Samuel Al
born March 31, 1941
at Denver, Colorado

Harry James
born June 9, 1943
at Denver, Colorado

Allen Fred
born May 11, 1952
at Denver, Colorado



Ted Mackelburger
Police in Denver - 1946

Ted is now an instructor of
teachers that teach scouts.
The material on the right is
some of the material he gives
his teachers to teach to
their scout classes.

The Ted Mackelburgers used to
belong to the Methodist Church
but lately they joined the
Denver Mennonite Brethren
Church to which Ted's mother
also belongs.

5th Generation

Samuel Al Mackelburger
born March 31, 1941
at Denver, Colorado
Address: Littleton, Colorado
Occupation: Machinist General
Iron Works
Church affiliation: Always,
Methodist
Married to JoAnn Kaiser
on Feb. 16, 1963
at Denver, Colorado
born Aug. 8, 1943
at Denver, Colorado
Church affiliation: Always,
Catholic

6th Generation - Children

Michael Alan
born Aug. 4, 1963
at Denver, Colorado

Ronald Brian
born July 1, 1965
at Denver, Colorado

5th Generation

Harry James Mackelburger
born June 9, 1943
at Denver, Colorado
Address: Englewood, Colorado
Occupation: U. S. Army
Church affiliation: Always,
Methodist
Married to Patricia Ann Ison
on June 11, 1965
at Las Vegas, Nevada
born March 6, 1945
at Denver, Colorado
Profession: Bank Teller
Church affiliation: None



Pat and Jim Mackelburger.
They got married June 11,
1965, just before leaving
for Korea where he is now
(summer of 1965) stationed.

ANNA TOEWS QUIRING

2nd GenerationAnna Toews

born Oct. 19, 1843
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Oct. 11, 1926
at Munich, North Dakota
of cancer of the stomach
Age: 82 years, 11 months,
22 days
No church affiliation
Married to Johann Quiring
born Nov. 4, 1841
at Kleefeld, Russia
died June 4, 1917, no doctor
at Munich, North Dakota
Age: 75 years, 7 months
Occupation: Farmer
No church affiliation

3rd Generation - ChildrenJohann

born July 18, 1865
in Russia
died March 2, 1915
at Munich, North Dakota

Peter

born Feb. 25, 1867
in Russia
died Feb. 5, 1868
in Russia

Peter

born Feb. 25, 1869
in Russia
died March 17, 1869
in Russia

Anna (Wall)

born April 28, 1870
in Russia (Kleefeld)
died Nov. 28, 1942
in Montana

Elizabeth (Adrian)
born May 10, 1872
(cont. next col.)

in Russia
died Sept. 21, 1962
at Munich, North Dakota

Cornelius

born Nov. 7, 1874
in Russia
died Jan. 25, 1907
at Munich, North Dakota

Margaret

born March 20, 1877
in Russia
died May 25, 1877
in Russia

Peter

born May 23, 1878
at Henderson, Nebraska
died July 11, 1939
at Munich, North Dakota

Diedrich

born Jan. 18, 1880
at Henderson, Nebraska
died Sept. 23, 1946
at Munich, North Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. Johann Quiring left Russia for the United States in 1877. When they boarded the ship their baby, Margaret, was sick and died before the ship left the port. The parents returned with the dead child to Russia and buried it there. They left again for the States with their four other children, two boys and two girls, in May of 1877 and settled at Henderson, Nebraska.

My parents' trip to Minnesota was written by Elizabeth Quiring, the daughter of Anna Toews (Mrs. Johann Quiring). Elizabeth married Peter Adrian. When I visited her in 1961 she was 89. John, her son, took care of her. She could not talk to me. She died the next year.

John copied this for me. The original paper was too brown with age. She wrote in German. Soon after this John died suddenly on the Munich street.

A.P.T.



This is a picture of Anna Toews (Quiring) and her husband Johann Quiring. Standing behind them is their son Diedrich Quiring. This is the old Quiring place at Munich, North Dakota and still used. The H. J. Dicks, their grandchildren, live here now.

My Parents' Trip to Minnesota

On the 16th of Oct. 1894 we moved to Windom with 2 horses hitched to a wagon and as much as we could load on it.

The trip (from Henderson) took 2 weeks. This was involved with a lot of difficulties. We had 2 children. It rained on the last day.

We arrived at Grandmother Goertzen, who still had 2 sons at home. We were cordially received. The next day we went to our Uncle David Goertzen.

They were all very friendly and received us cordially. We stayed with them until we found a place of our own. We lived in this place 5 years. Two daughters were born here.

On April 4, 1899 we moved to North Dakota. Here we arrived at our parents' place who moved there in the fall of 1898.

All travelling and settling was connected with a great deal of hardships.

The following report of the Johan Quiring family was given by Mrs. Henry J. Dick, at the Toewsfest in Steinbach, Manitoba, in June 1961.

Mrs. Dick is the grand-daughter of Anna Toews (1842-1926). Her father was Diedrich J. Quiring (1880-1946) the youngest son of Anna Toews.

The Dick's still live on the John Quiring home place. You will find two pictures of this home. On the next page you see the home as it was at first when Johan and Anna Quiring built it in the early 1900's. They sit in front with their son, Diedrich, standing behind them.

In the picture on this page we see Mr. and Mrs. (Nettie Quiring) Dick and their son Eugene standing in front of the same house. We notice the big trees around the house which have faithfully carried on all these years since the parents planted them.

Mrs. Nettie Dick has been the key person in the Quiring family gathering this family material. She has done a tremendous job. It has been a delight to visit this home, talk about her family, and sit with the family at lunch in their much-cherished grandparent's home place. It was a special privilege to listen to the family prayer at the table.

Thank you again,
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Toews



The first generation of this history begins with one man, named Peter Toews, born Jan. 27, 1818, in Kleefeld, Russia, over 143 years ago. When he was 20 years old, May 2, 1838, he married Elizabeth Penner, who was the same age, being born 20 days later. These two people were my great-grandparents.

To this union six children were born, four boys and two girls. My grandmother, Anna Toews, was the third child of the family being born Oct. 19, 1843. Her oldest brother, Peter, being 4 years older than she and her youngest brother, Abraham, 20 years younger than she.

On April 24, 1867, Great-grandpa, Peter Toews, died at the age of 49 years, 4 months and 4 days.

My grandma, Anna, was married three years before her father died. On March 8, 1864, she being 20 years of age married John Quiring, my grandfather. My grandparents stayed in Russia until May, 1877, when Grandpa and

Grandma, with their four children, John and Cornelius, and Anna and Elizabeth, came to the United States.

Grandparents left their youngest girl, Margaret, in Russia.

She died just before entering the ship. Grandpa's father took her home to bury her in Russia. She was 2 months.

One year later, Peter was born in Henderson, Nebraska. Two years later, Diedrich, the youngest was born in Nebraska also. Later they moved to North Dakota.

Of these six children, today only one daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Adrian, is still living. She was 89 on May 22 of this year. She lives at Munich, North Dakota, with her son, John, who was not able to be here today because he takes care of her and she is very much attached to him.

The dates of these events were found in my grandmother's records book and are in Russian time. Therefore to get American time we must add 12 days.

Sometime after Great-grandpa's (Peter Toews) death, Great-grandma Toews came to the United States, and there are some descendants from Munich, North Dakota, that remember that she stayed with my grandma. In later years she stayed with her daughter, Marie, Mrs. Janzen. She reached the age of 89 years and 2 months. She died on April 16, 1905.

Her record shows that there were 144 living descendants. These included: 10 children, 5 living and 5 dead; 59 grandchildren, 48 living and 11 dead; 107 great-grandchildren, 89 living and 18 dead; 2 great-great-grandchildren living (this was at the time of the Toewsfest in Steinbach, Manitoba, June 24 and 25, 1961).

Today, June 25, 1961, 56 years later, the one sixth of this generation that I'm writing about has 235 living descendants - 123 males and 112 females. This does not include the in-laws which number 69 living.

Taking each generation separately, I found some interesting facts which I'd like to share with you. Seven being God's perfect number we find quite a few perfects in this record.

The first and second generation of this family are all deceased. Of the third generation only one of the immediate family who is Mrs. Elizabeth Quiring is living (now deceased, 1966). Only one in-law who is Mrs. Diedrich Quiring is living. Both live in Munich. Mrs. Quiring is my mother and she is here today, the only active third generation in-law living. The second and third generation each had 6 people.

Of the fourth generation, there are 22 of the family living, six dying in infancy and 7 after becoming adults. Of these 7 deceased, 4 were in the John Quiring family, one in the Elizabeth Adrian family, one in Anna Quiring Wall family, and one in Peter Quiring family. Of those living there is an exact number of 11 males and 11 females.

Then in the fifth generation we find also an evenly divided number of 39 males and 39 females. Six again died in infancy. These also being 3 boys and 3 girls. However, the total number of deaths in this generation is 7. The seventh one being 3 years old and the last survivor of the immediate Pete Quiring family. This was Evonne Hoffman who died March 15, 1941, with her mother Annie Quiring Hoffman in the snowstorm that swept North Dakota and Canada killing many. The only one represent-

ing the Pete Quiring family today is the father of Evonne, Jake Hoffman, who is with us here today.

Also at this time we have lost all trace of Cornelius Quiring family who had one daughter in the 4th generation living in Canada. We were not able to get in contact with her in any way until now, but are still planning to make greater efforts to do so.

This therefore leaves only 5 basic families to continue the sixth generation and the Diedrich Quiring family did not contribute as yet. However, we find this generation has not suffered. Here we find two pairs of twins appearing on the scene and only one death. These are the first and only twins we have record of in the John Quiring family. Living descendants in this generation are 72 males and 60 females - 132 in all.

However, the two living - one boy and one girl found in the 7th and last generation are also in the John Quiring family.

Those of us here today represent the Elizabeth Quiring Adrian, family, Pete Quiring family, and Diedrich Quiring family.

Because many of the family tree have worked hard and given available records, I have made a list of all the names of the immediate family and their husbands, wives and children, also the dates of births and deaths and even dates and places of marriage for some. If anyone is interested in these further particulars feel free to contact me any time today and I'll be glad to show you the list.

As I worked on this history, I could not get away from the one thought "what God Hath Wrought." Truly this is all the Lord's doing.

Thank you,

Mrs. Henry J. Dick



In the coffin is Johan Quiring, the husband of Anna Toews, second generation.

From left to right: Mrs. John Quiring, the widow of John Quiring, the son of the deceased Johan Quiring.

Mrs. Diedrich Quiring, wife of Diedrich Quiring standing beside her, the son of the deceased.

Elizabeth Quiring Adrian, the daughter of the deceased.

Anna Quiring Wall, daughter of the deceased.

Peter Quiring, son

Mrs. Claus Hiebert, Henderson, Nebr. sister to the deceased Johan Quiring

Anna Toews Quiring, the wife of the deceased.

4th Generation

Annie Quiring

born July 29, 1895

at Henderson, Nebraska

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Married to Henry E. Rupp

on July 8, 1919

in Langdon, North Dakota

born Nov. 13, 1892

in Minnesota

died April 28, 1947

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

of cerebral hemorrhage

Age: 54 years, 5 months, 15 days

Occupation: Grain Elevator

Manager

Church affiliation: Lutheran

5th Generation - Children

Norbert Oliver

born April 1, 1920

at Munich, North Dakota

Donald James

born Aug. 15, 1925

at Munich, North Dakota

Curtis

born Aug. 27, 1931

at Munich, North Dakota



5th Generation

Norbert Oliver Rupp

born April 1, 1920

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, N. Dak.

Occupation: Grain Elevator

Manager and Implement Dealer

Church affiliation: Always

Lutheran

Married to Helen Marie Aafedt

on Feb. 7, 1942

at Grand Forks, North Dakota

born Nov. 13, 1921

at Munich, North Dakota

Church affil.: Always Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Bruce Norbert

born Sept. 15, 1942

at Munich, North Dakota

Barbara Jean

born July 10, 1946

at Munich, North Dakota

6th Generation

Bruce Robert Rupp

born Sept. 15, 1942

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Occupation: Not given

Church affil.: Lutheran

Married to Elaine Jane Dick

on Nov. 14, 1964

at Munich, North Dakota

born Jan. 16, 1945

at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Church affil.: Mennonite

Profession: Beautician

5th Generation

Donald James Rupp
 born Aug. 15, 1925
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Grand Forks, N. Dak.
 Occupation: Office Manager
 Church affil.: Lutheran
 Married to Shirly Berdell Nelsen
 on Oct. 5, 1951
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born May 29, 1934
 at (not given)
 Church affil.: None given

6th Generation - Children

Kevin James
 born Feb. 1, 1959
 in North Dakota

Pamala Kay
 born Oct. 5, 1961
 at (not given)

5th Generation

Gene Curtis Rupp
 born Aug. 27, 1931
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Minot, North Dakota
 Occupation: Credit Off. Manager
 Church affil.: Lutheran
 Married to Nellie Fae Glock
 on (date not given)
 at (place not given)
 born Jan. 27, 1934
 at (place not given)
 Church affil.: Lutheran

(children - next column)

6th Generation - Children

Cheryl Ann
 born June 9, 1959
 at Munich, North Dakota

Becky Lynn
 born Feb. 8, 1961
 at Munich, North Dakota

Kim Marie
 born March 15, 1964
 at Munich, North Dakota

5th Generation

Milford Martin Quiring
 born Dec. 9, 1922
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Phoenix, Arizona
 Occupation: Not given
 Church affil.: Valley
 Bible Church
 Married to Kathryn MaryAnn
 Sellers on (date not given)
 in Las Vegas, Nevada
 born Oct. 18, 1929
 in Missouri
 Church affiliation: Not given
 Married to Beverly Belle Horton
 on June, 1960
 at (not given)
 born June 26, 1937
 in Ohio
 Church affiliation: Not given

Children - 6th Generation

Cheryl
 born June 7, 1948
 in Phoenix, Arizona

Mathew Martin
 born Jan. 24, 1951
 in Phoenix, Arizona

4th Generation

Peter L. Quiring
 born Aug. 29, 1900
 in North Dakota
 Address: Nashua, Montana
 (and Arizona)
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Evangelical
 United Brethren
 Married to: Alma Talbert
 on Aug. 18, 1918
 in North Dakota
 born July 17, 1896
 in Minnesota
 Married to Ellen Alice Boston
 on July 1, 1961
 in Arizona
 born April 21, 1915
 in Minnesota
 Profession: Nurse's Aid
 Church affiliation: Lutheran
 and later, Evangelical United
 Brethren

5th Generation - Children

Lawrence Elvin
 born Nov. 28, 1919
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Taxi Driver
 Address: Las Vegas, Nevada
 Church affil.: None given

Walter Bernard
 born Jan. 29, 1921
 at Munich, North Dakota

Milford Martin
 born Dec. 9, 1922
 at Munich, North Dakota

Howard Benjamin
 born May 13, 1925
 at Munich, North Dakota

Norman Jerome
 born July 2, 1928
 in Nashua, Montana

Dorothy Marie
 born May 3, 1931
 at Nashua, Montana

Raymond
 born April 17, 1933
 in Arizona
 Address: Los Angeles, Calif.
 Occupation: Engineer
 Church affil.: None given

5th Generation

Walter Bernard Quiring
 born Jan. 29, 1921
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Nogales, Arizona
 Occupation: Apartments
 Church affil.: Congregational
 Married to Mary Rose Scancar-
 ella on Feb. 12, 1954
 at Los Angeles, Calif.
 born Jan. 23, 1924
 at Los Angeles, Calif.
 Profession: Bookkeeper
 Church affil.: None given

6th Generation - Children

Carol Lynn
 born Sept. 23, 1959
 at Nogales, Arizona

5th Generation

Howard Benjamin Quiring
 born May 13, 1925
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Nashua, Montana
 Occupation: Plumber and
 mail carrier
 Church affiliation: Lutheran
 Married to Eulane Mae Stenhaken
 on Nov. 20, 1954
 at (not given)
 born Feb. 1, 1936
 at (not given)
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Steven Donald
 born Oct. 23, 1958
 at Nashua, Montana

Daryl Howard
 born July 1, 1959
 at Nashua, Montana

Ronald Jon
 born Feb. 24, 1960
 at Nashua, Montana

Russell Lon
 born (not given)
 at Nashua, Montana

Dianne Elaine
 born Oct. 16, 1961
 at Nashua, Montana

5th Generation

Norman Jerome Quiring
 born July 2, 1928
 at Nashua, Montana
 Address: Nashua, Montana ?
 Occupation: School Custodian
 Church affiliation: None given
 Married to Tabertha Dove
 on Dec. 31, 1952
 at Missoula, Montana
 born Dec. 21, 1932
 at (not given)
 Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - Children

Kenneth Lee
 born July 28, 1954
 at Nashua, Montana (?)

Donald Jed
 born Aug. 30, 1955
 Nashua, Montana (?)

Doris Maxine
 born Dec. 27, 1957
 at Nashua, Montana (?)

Bernard Clay
 born June 3, 1959
 at Nashua, Montana (?)

Barbra Ann
 born Aug. 19, 1963
 at Nashua, Montana (?)

5th Generation

Dorothy Marie Quiring
 born May 3, 1931
 at Nashua, Montana
 Address: Richland, Washington
 Church affiliation: Baptist
 Married to Wayne Lewis Delvin
 on Dec. 23, 1951
 at Phoenix, Arizona
 Occupation: Chemist
 Church affiliation: Baptist

6th Generation - Children

Ann Marie
 born Dec. 10, 1952
 at Richland, Washington

Lynn Carol
 born July 18, 1954
 at Richland, Washington

Jerome Lewis
 born April 15, 1956
 at Richland, Washington

Carla Jean
 born Jan. 25, 1959
 at Richland, Washington

4th Generation

Knok Quiring (Cornelius)
 born June 14, 1906
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: College Place, Wash.
 Occupation: Salesman
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite Brethren; later,
 Seventh Day Adventists
 Married to Leona Faris
 on Nov. 24, 1938
 at Caldwell, Idaho
 born March 31, 1911
 at Jordan Valley, Oregon
 Profession: Teacher
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Methodist; later, Seventh
 Day Adventist

5th Generation - Children

LeRono Dee
 born Dec. 10, 1939
 at Dallas, Oregon

Nadelle Jane
 born Sept. 18, 1944
 at Dallas, Oregon

Marcell Dayne
 born Dec. 27, 1947
 at Medford, Oregon
 Profession: Still studying
 Church affiliation:
 Seventh Day Adventist

5th Generation

LeRono Dee Quiring
 born Oct. 10, 1939
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Address: Palmdale, California
 Occupation: Elementary
 School Teacher
 Church affiliation: Seventh
 Day Adventist
 Married to Shahin Poureetezadi
 on April 26, 1959
 at Spokane, Washington
 born Oct. 21, 1941
 at Teheran, Iran
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Moslem; later, Seventh Day
 Adventist
 Profession: Secretary

6th Generation - Children

Ladan
 born June 22, 1960
 at Weiser, Idaho

LaMont
 born May 29, 1962
 at Walla Walla, Washington

Loren
 born July 8, 1963
 at Walla Walla, Washington

5th Generation

Nadelle Jane Quiring
 born Sept. 18, 1944
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Address: Walla Walla, Wash.
 Church affiliation:
 Seventh Day Adventists
 Married to Frank Pugliese
 on Feb. 24, 1963
 at Walla Walla, Washington
 born Nov. 25, 1940
 at Walla Walla, Washington
 Occupation: Phillips' 66 Bulk
 Operator
 Church affiliation: Catholic

6th Generation - Children

Frankie Gene III
 born Oct. 3, 1963
 at Walla Walla, Washington

Danny Joe
 born Oct. 22, 1964
 at Walla Walla, Washington



Nadelle helping with baby
 brother. Taken in summer
 of 1948.



#1



1. Marcel - age 17
"Knok" (Cornelius) - Dad
LeRono - age 25, teaches 6th grade
in Manganzita Elementary School.
Palmdale, California
- 2.. "Knok" and partners (neighbors)
taken in fall of 1940 at 617
South College, College Place, Wash.
3. Nadelle and Marcell
Taken in 1949-50
4. Sahlin Ron's wife and Leona Quiring
Taken when we visited California
5. Mr. and Mrs. Knok Quiring,
wedding picture taken Nov. 24, 1938.

#3



#2



#5



#4



4th Generation

Bernard L. Quiring
 born Sept. 12, 1910
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Dallas, Oregon
 Occupation: Planer Foreman in
 Lumber Mill
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Martha Neufeld
 on Oct. 8, 1933
 at Dallas, Oregon
 born Sept. 10, 1909
 in British Columbia, Canada
 Church affil.: Always Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

LaVerne Donna
 born Jan. 17, 1936
 at Dallas, Oregon

Lorraine Carol
 born Jan. 13, 1939
 at Dallas, Oregon

Judith Kay
 born Sept. 23, 1942
 at Dallas, Oregon

5th Generation

Laverne Donna Quiring
 born Jan. 17, 1936
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Address: Mommouth, Oregon
 Church affil.: Was
 Mennonite Brethren;
 now, Baptist
 Married to David J. Knaupp
 on Dec. 11, 1954
 at Dallas, Oregon
 born in 1934
 in Iowa
 Occupation: Building Contractor
 Church affiliation: Was Men-
 nonite Brethren; later, Baptist

6th Generation - Children

Susan Lorraine
 born Feb. 5, 1956
 at Dallas, Oregon

Sharon Kay
 born Jan. 7, 1957
 at Dallas, Oregon

Sally Ann
 born May 7, 1959
 Dallas, Oregon

David Bradwell
 born Sept. 17, 1960
 at Dallas, Oregon

Brian Jon
 born April 21, 1962
 at Dallas, Oregon

5th Generation

Lorraine Carol Quiring
 born Jan. 13, 1939
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Address: Paso Robles, Calif.
 Church affiliation: None given
 married to Walter Herbert
Friesen on Nov. 27, 1959
 at Dallas, Oregon
 born on Oct. 2, 1939
 in Canada
 Occupation: Counselor in
 State Boys School
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Randall Scott
 born April 22, 1962
 at Fresno, California

Richard Todd
 born June 11, 1964
 at Paso Robles, Calif.

5th Generation

Judith Kay Quiring
 born Sept. 23, 1942
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Address: Salem, Oregon
 Church affil.: None given
 Married to Russel D. Loewen
 on Dec. 27, 1962
 at Salem, Oregon
 born Dec. 20, 1940
 in North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Always
 Mennonite Brethren
 Occupation: Carpenter

3rd Generation

John H. Quiring
born July 18, 1865
in Russia
died March 2, 1915
at Munich, North Dakota
of kidney and dropsy
Age: 49 years, 7 months and 12 days
Occupation: Farmer
Was always affiliated with the Mennonite Church
Married to Katharina Lorenz
on Oct. 9, 1887
in Nebraska
born Jan. 3, 1867
in Russia
died April 1, 1950
at Dallas, Oregon
of a stroke
Age: 83 years, 2 months, 29 days
Was always affiliated with the Mennonite Church

4th Generation - Children

George
born March 16, 1887
at Henderson, Nebraska
died July 4, 1965
in Wisconsin

Tena
born Aug. 17, 1888
at Henderson, Nebraska
died Aug. 12, 1888
at Henderson, Nebraska

John
born Dec. 19, 1889
at Henderson, Nebraska
died July 17, 1907
of appendicitis
at Munich, North Dakota

Henry
born Oct. 8, 1891
at Henderson, Nebraska

Katharina (Tabert)
born April 22, 1894
at Henderson, Nebraska

Annie (Rupp)
born July 29, 1895
at Henderson, Nebraska

Marie
born March 10, 1898
at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
died Nov. 5, 1925
at Dallas, Oregon

Peter
born Aug. 29, 1900
at Henderson, Nebraska

Jacob
born Oct. 27, 1903
at Munich, North Dakota
died Aug. 6, 1925
at Munich, North Dakota

Cornelius
born June 14, 1906
at Munich, North Dakota

Bernard
born Sept. 12, 1910
at Munich, North Dakota

4th Generation

George Quiring
born March 16, 1887
at Henderson, Nebraska
died July 4, 1956
at Ladysmith, Wisconsin
of cancer
Age: 69 years, 3 months, 18 days
Occupation: Laborer
At the time of marriage he was affiliated with the Mennonite Church; later, Methodist
Married to Lena Isaak
on June 12, 1912
at Munich, North Dakota
born March 21, 1894
at Henderson, Nebraska
At the time of marriage, she was affiliated with the Mennonite Church; later, Methodist

5th Generation - Children

Elsie Mildred
born June 1, 1913
at Munich, North Dakota
died Aug. 19, 1914
of summer-flu
at Munich, North Dakota

Elvira Fern
born Dec. 8, 1914
at Munich, North Dakota

Norman Meredith
born June 29, 1917
at Munich, North Dakota

5th Generation

Elvira Fern Quiring
born Dec. 8, 1914
at Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Address: Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Church affil.: Presbyterian
Married to Lawrence Vasseur
on March 26, 1935
at Stillwater, Minnesota
born Dec. 6, 1911
at Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Occupation: Paper Mill laborer
Church affiliation: Catholic

6th Generation - Children

Lawrence Norman
born Nov. 24, 1937
at Ladysmith, Wisconsin

DiAnn Carol
born July 23, 1942
at Ladysmith, Wisconsin

Tarry Lee
born Feb. 16, 1949
at Chippewa, Wisconsin

Jan Allen
born Aug. 24, 1955
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

6th Generation

Lawrence Norman Vasseur
 born Nov. 24, 1937
 at Ladysmith, Wisconsin
 Address: Ladysmith, Wisconsin
 Occupation: Mill worker
 Church affil.: Presbyterian
 Married to Brenda Lee Beighley
 on Feb. 16, 1963
 at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
 born July 4, 1944
 in Washington
 Church affiliation: Presbyterian

7th Generation - Children

Joseph Lawrence
 born Aug. 15, 1964
 at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

6th Generation

DiAnn Carol Vasseur
 born July 23, 1942
 at Ladysmith, Wisconsin
 Address: Bloomer, Wisconsin
 Church affiliation: Was a
 Presbyterian; now a Lutheran
 Married to Dolyn Cronin
 on Nov. 4, 1959
 at Bloomer, Wisconsin
 born June 21, 1941
 in North Dakota
 Occupation: Factory worker
 Church affiliation: Was
 Presbyterian; now, Lutheran

7th Generation - Children

Kelly Kay
 born March 14, 1961
 at Bloomer, Wisconsin
 Church member; Lutheran

Julie Ann
 born May 21, 1963
 at Bloomer, Wisconsin

5th Generation

Norman Meredith Quiring
 born June 29, 1917
 at Clyde, North Dakota
 Address: Ladysmith, Wisconsin
 Occupation: Oil pipe line
 foreman
 Church affiliation: Lutheran
 Married to Marian Muelhberg
 on Nov. 17, 1941
 at Ladysmith, Wisconsin
 born May 14, 1919
 in North Dakota
 Profession: Beautician
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

William George
 born May 24, 1949
 at Ladysmith, Wisconsin

Cynthia Ann
 born April 12, 1957
 at Ladysmith, Wisconsin

4th Generation

Henry Quiring
 born Oct. 8, 1891
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 Address: McMinville, Oregon
 Occupation: Retired Depot
 Agent
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Elizabeth Janzen
 on July 20, 1914
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born March 26, 1896
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: None

5th Generation - Children

Alvin Ellis
 born Jan. 4, 1916
 at Munich, North Dakota

Verona Luciel
 born March 31, 1920
 in Minnesota

John James
 born June 7, 1922
 at Munich, North Dakota

Ardis Marcella
 born Jan. 7, 1928
 at Munich, North Dakota

5th Generation

Alvin Ellis Quiring
born Jan. 4, 1916
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Wittmar, Minnesota
Occupation: Railroad Claims Agent
Church affiliation: None
Married to Irene Saum
on June 17, 1938
at ?
born Sept. 1916
in Minnesota
Profession: Secretarial work
Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - Children

Robert Glen
April 16, 1943
at Munich, North Dakota

Kathryn Rae
born June 13, 1948
at Wittmer, Minnesota

5th Generation

Verona Luciel Quiring
born March 31, 1920
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: North Dakota
Church affiliation: None
Married to Lester S. Morgan
on Nov. 28, 1942
at Moorhead, Minnesota
born Oct. 13, 1918
in North Dakota
died May 16, 1943
at ?
Age: 24 years, 7 months,
3 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: None given
Married to Wesley G. Burchill
on Nov. 4, 1944
in North Dakota
born May 6, 1917
in North Dakota
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - Children

Mary Jane
born March 18, 1946
at Munich, North Dakota

Gary Alan
born July 4, 1951
in North Dakota

5th Generation

John James Quiring
born June 7, 1922
in North Dakota
Address: Poway, California
Occupation: Construction Foreman
Church affiliation: None
Married to Betty Jean Olson
on May 10, 1945
in Los Angeles, California
born Nov. 1, 1925
in California
Church affil.: None given

6th Generation - Children

Dare Dean
born June 4, 1945
in New Mexico

James John
born Feb. 22, 1947
in California

Janette Joan
born Oct. 31, 1948
in California

5th Generation

Ardis Marcella Quiring
born Jan. 7, 1928
in North Dakota
Address: Oregon
Church affiliation: None given
Married to Walter Alfred Willis
on April 2, 1946
in Washington
born Sept. 22, 1916
in Utah
Occupation: Custodian
Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - Children

Jean Louise
born May 27, 1947
in Oregon

Michael James
born July 12, 1949
in Oregon

Roger Dean
born April 19, 1953
in Oregon

Brian David
born June 14, 1958
in Oregon

4th GenerationKatharina Quiring

born April 22, 1894

at Henderson, Nebraska

Address: Devils Lake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Later,
LutheranMarried to John Tabert

on June 12, 1913

in North Dakota

born Sept. 28, 1885

in Minnesota

Occupation: Farmer and carpenter

Church affiliation: Always,
Lutheran5th Generation - ChildrenRichard Howard

born April 6, 1914

at Munich, North Dakota

Albert Benjamin

born July 11, 1916

at Munich, North Dakota

Elsie Marie

born July 15, 1920

at Munich, North Dakota

Edmond John

July 21, 1924

at Munich, North Dakota

Melvin Fred

born Nov. 25, 1928

at Munich, North Dakota

Jeanette Catherine

born Sept. 3, 1933

at Munich, North Dakota

5th GenerationRichard Howard Tabert

born April 6, 1914

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Jackson, Minnesota

Occupation: Sheet metal worker

Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran

Married to Echo Barker

on June 11, 1945

at Langdon, North Dakota

born April 23, 1914

at (not given)

Church affiliation: Always Catholic

6th Generation - ChildrenJudith Ann

April 4, 1949

at Jackson, Minnesota

John

born June 22, 1950

at Jackson, Minnesota

5th Generation

Albert Benjamin Tabert
born July 11, 1916
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: East Grand Forks, Minn.
Occupation: Grain Elevator manager
Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran
Married to Leona Louise Abel
on May 18, 1941
at (not given)
born July 9, 1921
at Jackson, Minnesota
Profession: Beautician
Church affiliation: Later, Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Karen Leona
born Dec. 30, 1942
at Munich, North Dakota

Lynne Kay
born Aug. 26, 1944
at Munich, North Dakota

6th Generation

Karen Leona Tabert
born Dec. 30, 1942
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Grand Forks, N. Dak.
Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran
Married to James Sylvester Johnson
on June 5, 1960
at East Grand Forks, Minnesota
born (no date given)
in Minnesota
Occupation: Architect
Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran

7th Generation - Children

Steven James
born March 13, 1961
at Grand Forks, North Dakota

Daniel Scott
born Feb. 25, 1963
at Grand Forks, North Dakota

6th Generation

Lynne Kay Tabert
born Aug. 26, 1944
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Jackson, Minnesota
Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran
Married to Dwight D. Lund
on (date not given)
at (place not given)

Occupation (not given)
Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran

5th Generation

Elsie Marie Tabert
born July 15, 1920
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Devils Lake, North Dakota
Profession: Secretary
Church affil.: Always, Lutheran
Married to Willard Robert Jones
on June 2, 1941
at Cheyenne, Wyoming
born Nov. 4, 1917
in Minnesota
Occupation: Credit Bureau Manager
Church affil.: Always, Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Leora Marie
born May 5, 1942
in Oregon

Linda Marie
born April 4, 1947
in Devils Lake, North Dakota

6th Generation

Leora Marie Jones
born May 5, 1942
in Oregon
Address: Minnesota
Church affil.: Always, Lutheran
Married to Kenneth W. Elveum
on May 27, 1961
in California
born in 1943
in North Dakota
Church affil.: Always, Lutheran

7th Generation - Children

Sharon Kay
born May 7, 1963
in North Dakota

5th Generation

Edmund John Tabert
 born July 21, 1924
 in Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Occupation: Sheet & Metal
 Shop Manager
 Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran
 Married to Georgine Trapp
 on Jan. 15, 1947
 at Bremerton, Washington
 born Aug. 18, 1928
 in Wisconsin
 Church affil.: Always, Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Roger Allen
 born Jan. 10, 1949
 in Minnesota
 died on Jan. 11, 1949
 in Minnesota

Dianne Kay
 born Feb. 16, 1950
 in Minnesota

Duane John
 born Feb. 13, 1953
 in Minnesota

Mark Steven
 born Feb. 1, 1960
 in Minnesota

5th Generation

Melvin Fred Tabert
 born Nov. 25, 1928
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Michigan
 Occupation: Accountant
 Church affil.: Always, Lutheran
 Married to Irene Olsson
 on Sept. 8, 1950
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 born 1927
 in North Dakota
 Church affil.: Always, Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Rodney Dolan
 born April 11, 1953
 in North Dakota

Debarah Irene
 born April 26, 1956
 in North Dakota

Karen Lynn
 born Sept. 18, 1964
 in Michigan

5th Generation

Jeannette Catherine Tabert
 born Sept. 3, 1933
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Webster, North Dakota
 Profession: Teacher
 Church affil.: Always, Lutheran
 Married to William E. Miller
 on ?
 at ?
 born Feb. 16, 1929
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Occupation: Farmer
 died June 12, 1954
 in a car accident
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Age: 25 years, 3 months, 27 days
 Church affiliation: Presbyterian
 Married to Arthur L. Jarman
 on Nov. 23, 1963
 at Larimore, North Dakota
 born June 24, 1926
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address during second marriage:
 Larimore, North Dakota
 Occupation: Implement Dealer
 Church affil.: Always, Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Sandra Mae (Miller) Jarman
 born June 8, 1954
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Janet Marie Jarman
 born Dec. 24, 1962
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

3rd GenerationAnna Quiring

born April 28, 1870
 at Kleefeld, South Russia
 died Nov. 28, 1942
 at Lustre, Montana
 Age: 72 years, 7 months
 Cause of death: Cancer
 of the liver
 Church affil.: At first
 belonged to the Bethesda
 Mennonite Church in Hen-
 derson; later, to the
 Evang. Menn. Brethren
 Married to Jacob C. Wall
 on Aug. 14, 1892

at Henderson, Nebraska
 born on June 2, 1868
 in South Russia
 died on Dec. 28, 1955
 at Dallas, Oregon
 of hardening of arteries
 Age: 87 years, 6 months,
 26 days
 Occupation: Teaching and
 farming

Church affil.: Always,
Evang. Menn. Brethren
4th Generation - Children
John J. Wall

born on June 5, 1893
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died May 30, 1958
 at Dallas, Oregon

Lena Wall

born Oct. 7, 1894
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died Dec. 3, 1962
 at Dallas, Oregon

Maria

born Feb. 6, 1896
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died Feb. 15, 1896
 at Henderson, Nebraska

Abraham Jerome

born Jan. 29, 1900
 at Henderson, Nebraska



Anna Quiring (Toews) and her daughter Anna married to Jacob C. Wall. This picture is taken on the home place.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Wall taken in North Dakota. J.C. Wall was born at Henderson, Nebr. and went to Henderson to teach. Here he married Anna Quiring who was a great help to him in his work. Later he taught in Montana and at Genoa, Colorado, where our Cornelius Toews family lived. In later years he moved to Dallas, Oregon, after his wife died in 1942. Here he was a member of

the E.M.B. church of which the writer of this account was the pastor. Often have I been to his home to visit and console him about his trials which he found difficult to get reconciled to. Especially his blindness. One day he gave me a very vivid description of the loss of his sight because of glaucoma, an eye disease. When he went to the doctor he was too late but an earlier use of drops would have helped, he was told. He prayed much for eyesight. He lived back of our block and many times have I seen him walk past our house, quite fast, with his white cane. In later years he was married to a Mrs. Friesen, a widow having children.

4th GenerationJohn J. Wall

born June 5, 1893
 at Henderson, Nebr.
 died May 30, 1958
 at Dallas, Oregon
 of coronary throm-
 bosis. Age: 64 yrs.
 11 months, 25 days
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: Al-
 ways, Evang. Menn.
 Brethren
 Married to Katharina Fast

on March 8, 1917
 at Litchfield, Nebraska
 born Feb. 21, 1896
 at Genoa, Colorado
 Address: Dallas, Oregon
 Church affil.: Always,
 Evang. Menn. Brethren



This picture was taken a few weeks before John died, in May, 1958

5th Generation - ChildrenAlbert E. Wall

born March 11, 1918
 at Litchfield, Nebr.

Alice Ann Wall

born Oct. 13, 1928
 at Lustre, Montana

Helen Ruth Wall

born Jan. 29, 1925
 at Lustre, Montana

Raymond H. Wall

born June 19, 1934
 at Lustre, Montana



The parents J. C. Wall and all the children and grandchildren, taken in 1934.

5th Generation

Albert E. Wall
 born March 11, 1918
 at Litchfield, Nebraska
 Address: Lustre, Montana
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Ethel May Conatser
 on May 28, 1941
 at Glasgow, Montana
 born April 19, 1922
 at Glasgow, Montana
 Church affil.: Baptist; later,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Timothy Jerome
 born Sept. 23, 1943
 Glasgow, Montana

Dwaine Ray
 born Dec. 30, 1946
 at Glasgow, Montana

Elaine Kay
 born Dec. 30, 1946
 at Glasgow, Montana

Roger Dean
 born Dec. 16, 1949
 at Glasgow, Montana

6th Generation

Timothy Jerome Wall
 born Sept. 23, 1943
 at Glasgow, Montana
 Address: Glendive, Montana
 Occupation: Christian Radio
 Announcer
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Linda Sue Porter
 on Oct. 19, 1963
 at Winterset, Iowa
 born July 22, 1944
 at Winterset, Iowa
 Church affiliation: Baptized
 and now attending Christian
 Missionary Alliance Church

7th Generation - Children

Jerome C.
 born July 23, 1964
 at Glendive, Montana

5th Generation

Helen Ruth Wall
 born Jan. 29, 1925
 at Lustre, Montana
 Address: Portland, Oregon
 Church affil.: The Evangelical
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Louis H. Hoffman
 on June 25, 1947
 at Lustre, Montana
 born April 24, 1927
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Machinist
 Church affil.: Before the
 Salem Church, Munich, N. Dak.;
 later the Evangelical Mennonite
 Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Richard Lee
 born July 27, 1948
 at Glasgow, Montana

Thomas Louis
 born June 17, 1950
 at Dallas, Oregon

Kathleen Louis
 born Dec. 23, 1951
 Dallas, Oregon

5th Generation

Alice Ann Wall
 born Oct. 13, 1928
 at Lustre, Montana
 Address: Lustre, Montana
 Church affil.: Evangelical
 Mennonite Brethren
 Married to Norbert J. Unger
 on June 1, 1948
 at Lustre, Montana
 born July 13, 1926
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Was Salem
 Mennonite Church at Munich,
 North Dakota; now, Evangelical
 Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - Children

Evonne Sue
 born Dec. 13, 1948
 at Glasgow, Montana

Bruce Lee
 born April 25, 1951
 at Glasgow, Montana

Keith Allen
 born Oct. 10, 1953
 at Glasgow, Montana

Karen Ann
 born May 6, 1961
 at Glasgow, Montana

5th GenerationRaymond H. Wall

born June 19, 1934

at Lustre, Montana

Address: Elbert, Colorado

Occupation: Laborer

Church affil.: Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Jean Marcella Neperud

on March 24, 1959

at Vancouver, Washington

born July 12, 1936

at (not given)

Church affiliation: Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenMichael Paul

born July 22, 1954

at (not given)

Raymond Dean

born Jan. 12, 1960

at Sunland, California

Kenneth John

born Oct. 21, 1961

at Denver, Colorado

James Philip

born Dec. 3, 1963

at Colorado Springs, Colo.

4th GenerationLena Wall

born Oct. 7, 1894

at Henderson, Nebraska

died Dec. 3, 1962

at Dallas, Oregon

of a stroke

Age: 68 years, 1 month, 6 days

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Jacob K. Fast

on Nov. 25, 1915

at Litchfield, Nebraska

born Jan. 13, 1891

at Henderson, Nebraska

Occupation: Retired Farmer

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenElvin Allen

born Jan. 1, 1919

at Litchfield, Nebraska

Esther Helen

born May 30, 1922

at Lustre, Montana

Erma Ann

born Feb. 25, 1928

at Lustre, Montana

5th GenerationElvin Allen Fast

born Feb. 1, 1919

at Litchfield, Nebraska

Address: St. Helens, Oregon

Occupation: Minister of the

Gospel

Church affil.: Formerly,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;

now, Baptist

Married to Verna Margaret Dick

on November 4, 1938

at Lustre, Montana

born July 1, 1917

at Lustre, Montana

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren; now, Baptist

6th Generation - ChildrenJean Darlene

born April 5, 1941

at Portland, Oregon

We received no report from
Jean Darlene Fast. If she is
 married, this record is com-
 plete; if married, it is not
 complete (apt).

Judy Diane

born June 1, 1943

at Portland, Oregon

Carol Lee

born Nov. 18, 1947

at Redmond, Oregon

Jerry Lee

born Jan. 25, 1954

at Salem, Oregon

6th GenerationJudy Diane Fast

born June 1, 1943

at Portland, Oregon

Address: St. Helens, Oregon

Profession: Teletype Operator

Church affil.: Baptist

Married to Harold L. Harwood

on Sept. 21, 1963

at St. Helens, Oregon

born April 16, 1943

at St. Helens, Oregon

Occupation at present: Student

Church affil.: Presbyterian

7th Generation - ChildrenJeffrey Scott

born Mar. 8, 1964

at St. Helens, Oregon

5th GenerationEsther Helen Fast

born May 30, 1922

at Lustre, Montana

Address: Frazer, Montana

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Marvin Fast

on May 10, 1944

at Lustre, Montana

born May 7, 1921

at Lustre, Montana

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite Brethren; now,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenGary Dwain

born June 19, 1945

at Glasgow, Montana

Terry Linn

born Nov. 22, 1948

at Glasgow, Montana

Wanda Lou

born July 26, 1951

at Glasgow, Montana

Dale Eugene

born Nov. 28, 1953

at Glasgow, Montana

Glenda Kay

born Dec. 23, 1957

at Glasgow, Montana

Ricky Wayne

born July 24, 1964

at Glasgow, Montana

5th GenerationErma Ann Fast

born Feb. 25, 1928

at Lustre, Montana

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Profession: Clerk

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Robert James Unger

on Oct. 10, 1947

at Lustre, Montana

born Jan. 27, 1924

at Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Salesman of
appliances

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Grace Mennonite Church; now,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenLo Rella Fern

born Feb. 24, 1949

at Dallas, Oregon

Dennis Gene

born July 21, 1951

at Dallas, Oregon

Marla Jane

born April 4, 1955

at Dallas, Oregon

4th GenerationAbe Jerome Wall

born Jan. 29, 1900

at Henderson, Nebraska

Address: Laurel, Montana

Occupation: Representative of
American Book Co.

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; now, ALC - Lutheran

Married to Ellen Geneva Larsen

on March 24, 1945

at Glasgow, Montana

born Nov. 12, 1915

at Williston, North Dakota

died Dec. 4, 1963

at Billings, Montana

Age: 48 years, 22 days

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affiliation: ALC - Lutheran

Cause of death: Uremia

5th Generation - ChildrenMary Ellen

born July 2, 1946

at Billings, Montana

Church affiliation: ALC-Lutheran

Occupation: Student at Rocky
Mountain College, BillingsKatherine Ann

born Feb. 6, 1949

at Billings, Montana

Church affiliation: ALC - Lutheran

Occupation: Student, Laurel, Montana

3rd GenerationElizabeth Quiring

born May 22, 1872

in Russia

died Sept. 21, 1962

at Munich, North Dakota

Age: 90 years, 3 months, 30 days

Cause of death: Old age

Church affiliation: Always,
MennoniteMarried to Peter Adrian

on Nov. 1, 1890

at Henderson, Nebraska

born Nov. 24, 1866

in Russia

died March 21, 1914

at Munich, North Dakota

of a weak heart

Age: 47 years, 3 months, 25 days

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always Mennonite

Gerhard

born ? 1898

at Henderson, Nebraska

died in 1898

at (not given)

Helen (Smith)

born Oct. 18, 1900

at Munich, North Dakota

Margaret (Sanerud)

born Dec. 1, 1901

at Munich, North Dakota

George

born Oct. 15, 1903

at Munich, North Dakota

Diedrich

born Oct. 27, 1907

at Munich, North Dakota

Henry

born Nov. 23, 1908

at Munich, North Dakota

Katherine (Trenary)

born Sept. 19, 1911

at Munich, North Dakota

Jacob

born Dec. 3, 1905

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, N. Dak.

Occupation: Businessman

Gas Station

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite

Died Oct. 30, 1966

of asphyxiation

4th Generation - ChildrenPeter

born Sept. 24, 1892

at Henderson, Nebraska

John

born Jan. 14, 1894

at Henderson, Nebraska

died April 23, 1965

at Munich, North Dakota

of a heart attack

Occupation: Handyman

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

Age: 71 years, 3 months, 9 days

Annie (Peterson)

born Sept. 13, 1895

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Elizabeth (Gibson)

born May 11, 1897

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

The three Adrian brothers,

John, George and Jacob

did not get married.



This is John Adrian.

I visited Mrs. Adrian, his mother in the fall of 1960. She was too weak to be up and John took care of her. John assumed the care of his mother as a sacred responsibility. She died not long after our visit. When we were in Munich again in 1965 John had just passed away of a heart attack he got when going to the post office for his mail.-APT
Buried from Munich Mennonite

Mother, Elizabeth Quiring Adrian
family

Back row, left to right:

Peter, John, Henry, Jake, Helen,
Katherine, Diedrich

Front row, left to right:

Anna, Mother Elizabeth Quiring

Adrian, Elizabeth, Margaret

These are all 4th generation

children of Elizabeth QuiringAdrian who is 3rd generation.

At the time this picture was

taken, all except Peter Adrian,

the father, and George, his son,

were living.

4th GenerationPeter Adrian

born Sept. 24, 1892
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 Address: Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Salem Mennonite Church, Munich
 Married to Helena Veer
 on Feb. 6, 1917
 at the home of John J. Veer
 Langdon, North Dakota
 born Jan. 29, 1899
 at Langdon, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Later a
 member of the Salem Mennonite
 Church



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Adrian, son Elmer
 and wife Katherine, and daughters
 Ethel and Janet, their husbands and
 their children.

5th Generation - ChildrenElmer

born Jan. 17, 1918
 at Clyde, North Dakota

Ethel

born Jan. 22, 1920
 at

Janet

born Dec. 14, 1921
 at

Peter Adrian died suddenly on Jan. 19,
 1966 at Henderson, Nebraska at the
 age of 73 years, 3 months and 26 days.

5th GenerationElmer Adrian

born Jan. 17, 1918
 at Clyde, North Dakota
 Address: Earlemart, Calif.
 Occupation: School teacher
 Church affiliation: Baptist
 Married to Katherine Fast
 on Aug. 26, 1947
 at Dallas, Oregon
 born Jan. 21, 1921
 at Paxton, Nebraska
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Evangelical Mennonite Brethren;
 now, Baptist

6th Generation - ChildrenAvis K. Adrian

born July 10, 1949
 at Newton, Kansas
 Church affil.: Baptist
 Present occupation: Student

Four Generations

Avis Adrian (on lap) born 1949

Elmer Adrian (father to Avis)
 born 1918

Peter Adrian (father to Elmer)
 born 1892

Elizabeth Quiring (mother to Peter)
 born 1872

This letter was written by Elmer Adrain (also spelled Adrian) for the "Toewsbook."

I was born of my parents, Peter P. Adrian and Helena (Veer) Adrian, Jan. 17, 1918. My parents, during the time I was with them, were always farmers. They first lived on a farm near Langdon, North Dakota. Later they moved to a farm nearer Clyde, North Dakota where I was born, at least my birth certificate bears the name of the town.

My early life was quite uneventful, but one event at about the age of four remains permanently in my mind. My folks were out milking. They ran out of pails and I was sent in for an empty one. My young mind was not quite up to knowing that one must not climb on the leaf of a leaf table. I did and the result was milk all over the floor from a pail already on the table.

The next place I remember was the farm near Starkweather, North Dakota. I can clearly remember Great-grandmother (that is Anna Toews, born 1843 and died in 1926). I remember how we had to shout in her ear horn, the hearing aid of those days. (In my younger years, I also conversed with her that way. APT) I also remember her sister who looked so much like her or maybe I just imagined this. At any rate I do remember Great-grandmother's funeral. This was the first funeral I remember.

School was both a happy and an unhappy time for me. I loved school academically. I was a good strong average, though I fear I was given greater credit for intelligence than I really possessed. My accomplishments were much more because of application than because of ability. This and a quiet retiring nature, which I still have, made me studious. It was for this reason that other students took advantage of me. I was also sensitive and could not take teasing. Because of this I sometimes had to suffer a lot of mental anguish. My first school was Banner School, south of Munich.

As a young boy I can remember only three churches. The church of regular attendance was the Salem Mennonite Church in Munich. I can, however, vaguely remember attending before that at the Langdon Mennonite Church. I don't remember what it was called. I remember it because of some climactic incidents that took place there.

Sunday School always meant a colored picture with a verse on it which we were to memorize. It was the same as that which

the church had for Sunday School. The teacher on a large fold over chart explained it to us. Sunday School also meant pieces and songs at Christmas. These always had to be repeated to grandparents and great-grandparents. Christmas was almost always spent at Grandmother Adrian's and New Year's at Grandpa and Grandma Veer because that was also his birthday.

The Christmas holiday always meant peanuts, nuts, candy, apples, oranges, maybe even a tangerine, and lots of Russian peanuts (sunflower seeds - apt) roasted in the oven. I can almost taste them now at this writing. I miss them very much. It was called "knaak soat."

On special occasions as July 4th, I remember visiting the Rosehill Mennonite Brethren Church. I have been rambling on here, but I will say more on the church later.

The folks next moved to the homestead place near Munich. Here we lived only 2 years. Then we moved to a farm nearer Clyde, North Dakota again. Here I attended the Huron School and graduated from the eighth grade and one high school subject to my credit taken in the eighth grade. Both the Huron and the Munich schools I attended no longer exist. The Banner School still stands but it is empty.

Now back to Munich again. These were the years of the dust clouds and the great depression. Those years left an indelible impression on my mind and I determined not ever to be a farmer. Either we dried out, or the grasshoppers took everything, or it was the army worm. It was terrible. I remember so clearly the fruitless, discouraging efforts of those days.

During this time the folks moved 2 more times into the Starkweather area. The first 3 years of high school were in the Munich School. I graduated from the Starkweather High School in 1937. This was quite a transition.

Munich was a Class B school where all exams were state exams. We were all country kids and looked it. We went to school in overalls. At Starkweather this was all changed. It was a Class A school where the teachers made and gave the exams. I didn't dare go to school in overalls. I would have been laughed right out of school. Dress pants were strictly the rule. That year I had only "A's" with a sprinkling of "B's" and as a result I wrote no semester or final exams. Graduation day was a terrible day, though. I was so sick I could hardly hold up my head, yet I was there with my cap and gown.

That cap weighed a ton that day in 1937.

The next two years I spent at the State School of Science at Wahpeton, North Dakota, taking a course in electronic engineering. I can't say that these were wasted years, yet I never put these to use and they seem so. These were the years of the death throes of the depression.

I went to Chicago with an uncle after finishing school. There I couldn't find a job in the electrical trades immediately so I took a job with the R. R. Donnely Corp. running Life, Time, Sears, Wards, telephone books and other material. /

May I regress here for a moment? This should have been inserted earlier. It may be of interest to know that my favorite Sunday School teacher was Nick Friesen. I still have a little mirror in my possession which he gave to each one Christmas. My wife sometimes asks why I keep it. Well, that is the reason. I cherish that mirror with a verse on the back as a remembrance. His tragic death I'm sure will be recorded elsewhere as will be that of his brother Henry, later in a terrible snowstorm together with other cousins.

After two years in Chicago I was drafted into the army. I went in as a non-combatant after applying as a C.O. I did this because I had not formed any convictions on the matter either through the teachings of the church or through the reading of any literature pertaining to it. I felt I couldn't follow through on something on which I had no convictions so I changed my status.

I had joined the church in the early 30's during the depression. I feel my conception of salvation at that time was very meager, but in all honesty I believe I was saved at revival meetings held in the Alsen Mennonite Church which was culminated in baptism. I fear that many thought of me as a pretty good boy because of my quiet nature, but this is not so much truth as fiction. I, too, had my years of rebellion and indecision.

The only two pastors in my young life were Rev. William Duerksen and Rev. Hellmuth Ortman, that I can remember. I do not regret the almost three years I spent in the services. Such time can do one of two things for a man. If you have little spirituality or perhaps nothing, you will lose even that which you have. On the other hand, if what you have is genuine, you are forced to stand and you will grow in stature. I sought my companions among other Christian young men and

the Navigators. Wednesday night found me in Chapel as well as Sunday morning and evening. My accordin stood me in good stead those days. I also took all the correspondence Bible Courses then offered by Epp's Back-to-the-Bible program which we listened to even out there in Hawaii. It wasn't a state then. Yes, I'm sure I grew spiritually while I was in the Medics. I also loved my work very much. I was determined to pursue this same course when I was discharged.

This was my aim when I was discharged. After a year part time in North Dakota and back in Chicago, I decided to see some country first. A buddy, Earl Spent and I went to Oregon. We went to see his roommate from Grace Bible Institute. We found jobs and went frequently to the Youth for Christ rallies in Salem. It was then that I met and finally married the sister of my buddy's roommate, Katherine Fast.

After marriage I went to Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. It was then that I found that the course I wished to pursue was not available to men. It is now, and if I had been more persistent, I may have found a place that did offer it for men. At any rate there I was with my hopes shattered. We could only see that this was the leading of the Lord and so I prepared for a ministerial course. This I do not regret but had I been a bit wiser I would have prepared with greater foresight. Hindsight is always better than foresight.

Now for a ministerial course, I chose the wrong school as far as the church conference was concerned. I formed a few differing opinions on a few doctrines, not the least of which was baptism. In my application for a church I passed with flying colors except for that one thing. Today I find that there are quite a few General Conference Mennonites that immerse rather than pour. Nevertheless, this seems to be the thing that hindered me. I couldn't get a church though a number were available. Again we were in straights. I guess the Lord knew best. School teaching has given me ulcers, and grown-up children present even a greater problem. Nevertheless, after we left Kansas, we found that a church had voted to accept me and right where I wanted to be. It was then, however, too late. I was reconciled then to take up teaching. This then is what I did.

I went to Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. I spoke of wisdom in foresight earlier. This is what I meant. If I had known, I could have saved myself several years of school

work, let alone money. It was while I was at Tabor College in 1949, that our daughter Avis was born.

I have been teaching since 1954. There have been many misgivings and disappointments. Much has had to be learned in the school of hard knocks and experience which you do not learn in theory. As a whole I'm satisfied and content with my profession, though, it certainly isn't what I had planned. We moved here to California in 1963 looking for greener pastures believing we had the leading of the Lord. Perhaps this is where He wants us only we're too impatient to wait. Adjustments have been great and disappointments many, but we learn daily to trust more fully in the Lord.

I should say a few more words concerning our present church status. Through all the years of my absence from the Munich Church I still maintained my membership there. This I feel was wrong. It should have been transferred to wherever we were at the time. Sooner or later I had to grapple with a problem on which I had long ago made a decision, namely, baptism. It seems that wherever we went the General Conference Mennonite Church was either liberal or downright modernistic so we went elsewhere. This brought me face to face with the baptism problem. Though I had long accepted immersion as the proper mode, yet as to having a rebaptism, this presented a different problem. In 1958 I came to grips with the problem and on Jan. 4, 1959 I was rebaptized in the Baptist Church in Goshen, Indiana. It was here where we formed some very fast friends. We had very wonderful fellowship there, and had to resign when we moved to California.

On coming to California we joined the E. M. B. Church in Reedley, hoping to find a teaching position in the near area. This was not to be. For one year we tried to maintain fellowship there, driving 55 miles each week and sometimes several times while Avis went to the M.B. supported Immanuel Academy. We were miserable doing this and felt this definitely was not in the Lord's will when there were other good churches nearby.

We're now back in a First Baptist Church often called a Mennonite Baptist (M.B.) Church because it has so many Mennonites in it. Both of us are active in it. Kay sings in the choir. I've been voted in as deacon and Kay as Deaconess, and I substitute often as S. S. teacher. I've had to turn down some responsibilities because I feel that a finger in too many pies is not good. There is also that proverbial straw that

broke the camel's back.

We are happy in the Lord's work. We need, ask, and will cherish your prayers.

May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Elmer, Kaye, and
Avis Adrain

5th GenerationEthel Adrain

born Jan. 22, 1920
 at Longmont, Colorado
 Address: Chicago, Ill.
 Church affiliation: Before marriage,
 none; now, Mennonite Brethren
 Married to William Woosley
 on Sept. 12, 1942
 at Chicago, Ill.
 born Jan. 22, 1920
 at Clyde, North Dakota
 Occupation: Guard - janitor
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenWilliam Dale

born July 23, 1943
 at Chicago, Ill.

Leon Adrain

born Dec. 12, 1946
 at Longmont, Colorado

Cheryl Helena

born Jan. 6, 1948
 at Englewood, Colorado

Marly Ann

born Aug. 23, 1949
 at St. Joseph, Missouri

Leslie Loraine

born July 20, 1953
 at St. Joseph, Missouri

Juanita Lynn

born Jan. 13, 1956
 at Chicago, Ill.

Kathryn Denise

born April 8, 1965
 at Chicago, Ill.

6th GenerationWilliam Dale Woosley

born July 23, 1943
 at Chicago, Ill.
 Address: Chicago, Ill.
 Occupation: Telephone work
 Church affiliation: Presbyterian
 Married to Katherine Denise
 on April 8, 1965
 at
 born
 at
 Profession:
 Church affiliation:

5th GenerationJanet Adrain

born Dec. 14, 1921
 at
 Address:
 Church affiliation:

Married to Robert A. Woosley

on Sept. 12, 1942
 at
 born Nov. 29, 1915
 at
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenRoberta Janice

born Nov. 13, 1943
 at

Nancy Irene

born Mar. 19, 1947
 at

6th GenerationRoberta Janice Woosley

born Nov. 13, 1943
 at
 Address:
 Profession:
 Church affiliation:

 Married to
 on
 at
 born
 at
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:

7th Generation - Children

born April 21, 1964
 at

6th GenerationNancy Irene Woosley

born March 19, 1947
 at
 Address:
 Profession:
 Church affiliation:

Married to

on
 at
 born
 at
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:

7th Generation - Children

born

4th GenerationAnna Adrian

born Sept. 13, 1898
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Address: Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 Church affil.: Not given
 Married to Carl Peterson
 in 1920
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born May 23, 1896
 at Albin, Nebraska
 died Aug. 16, 1952
 at Sioux Falls Veterans Hospital
 of heart trouble
 Age: 55 years, 11 months, 1 day
 Occupation: Not given
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

5th Generation - ChildrenClarence

born Mar. 26, 1922
 at Clarkfield, Minn.

Mildred

born May 8, 1923
 at Canton, South Dakota
 died May 26, 1926
 at Canton, South Dakota
 Church affiliation: Lutheran

Juelet

born July 3, 1924
 at Canton, South Dakota

Arthur

born Jan. 3, 1925
 at Canton, South Dakota

Norma Ann

born Sept. 24, 1927
 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Helen

born Oct. 27, 1928
 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Richard

born Aug. 5, 1933
 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

5th GenerationClarence Alvin Peterson

born March 26, 1922
 at Clarkfield, Minnesota
 Address: Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 Occupation: Sales Manager in
 Store
 Church affil.: Always, Lutheran
 Married to Audrey Theodora
Danielson on Nov. 1, 1941
 at (place not given)
 born May 11, 1920
 at Garriton, South Dakota
 died May 26, 1965
 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota
 Age: 45 years, 10 months,
 15 days
 Church affil.: Not given

6th Generation - ChildrenRonald Gene

born Feb. 2, 1943
 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Douglas Lee

born April 26, 1951
 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

5th GenerationJuelet Marie Peterson

born July 3, 1924
 at Clarkfield, Minnesota
 Address: Custer, South Dakota
 Church affil.: None given
 Married to Stanley Dennis
Dittman on Sept. 5, 1942
 at (place not given)
 born Aug. 26, 1924
 at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 Occupation: Star Motel
 Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - ChildrenWalter Carl

born June 13, 1943
 at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Arthur Dean

born Sept. 21, 1944
 at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Norman Lynn

born Jan. 15, 1947
 at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Wesley Warren

born Mar. 8, 1959
 at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Wayne Ward

born Mar. 8, 1950
 at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

5th GenerationArthur John Peterson

born May 3, 1925
 at Canton, South Dakota
 Address: Kansas City
 Occupation: Works for
 Rent a Trailer System, Inc.
 Church affiliation: Lutheran
 Married to Beverly Rae Nelson
 on Jan. 2, 1950
 at (place not given)
 born Feb. 12, 1932
 at Canton, South Dakota
 Church affil.: Not given

5th GenerationNorma Ann Peterson

born Sept. 24, 1927

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Address: St. Louis

Church affiliation: None given

Married to George E. Bruner

on June 27, 1945

at (place not given)

born Oct. 13, 1924

at (place not given)

Occupation: Railroader

Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - ChildrenRodney Jay

born April 3, 1947

at

George Jr.

born Mar. 19, 1948

at

Carol Ann

born June 19, 1951

at

Garry Debbie

born

at

5th GenerationHelen Evelyn Peterson

born Oct. 27, 1928

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Address: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Profession: Supervisor in potato plant

Church affiliation: Always Lutheran

Married to Raymond Lloyd Kutil

on April 20, 1946

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota in

First Lutheran Church

born Sept. 4, 1922

at Sioux City, Iowa

Occupation: Steamfitter

Church affiliation: Before marriage, none; after marriage, Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenRose Ann

born March 24, 1947

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Dennis Ray

born Aug. 5, 1948

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

5th GenerationRichard Allen Peterson

born Aug. 5, 1933

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Address: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Occupation: Office Machines Services

Church affiliation: Always, St. John's Lutheran (ALC)

Married to Barbara Jean Beck

on July 25, 1954

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

born Jan. 8, 1936

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Church affiliation: Augustana Lutheran before marriage; after marriage, St. John's Lutheran (ALC)

6th Generation - ChildrenThomas Mathew

born June 4, 1955

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Deborah Clare

born Aug. 18, 1957

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Dawn Marie

born June 2, 1962

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

4th GenerationElizabeth Adrain

born May 11, 1897

at Windom, Minnesota

Address: Valley Springs,
South Dakota

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affiliation: Always,
CongregationalMarried to Oliver Stay Gibson
on June 10, 1945

at Valley Springs, South Dak.

born March 25, 1888

at Birdsall, N. Y.

Occupation: Carpenter

Church affiliation: Always,
Congregational5th Generation - ChildrenElla Marie

born Nov. 8, 1936

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Catherine

born June 17, 1941

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Profession: Counsellor in school

Mother Adrian, sons and Elmer
Adrian at George's funeral.Oliver Gibson home, 1963.
Our house, not com-
pleted. Valley Springs,
South Dakota

Valley Springs, South Dakota

We were so glad to get the Toews family record sheets. I have filled them out and am returning them at once.

We are fine, just getting older, not able to work at ease like we used to.

I work at a nursing home two days a week, not much but keeps in practice and still love to nurse. Nettie (Mrs. Henry J. Dyck), how is your mother, sister and brothers?

I would be in favor to have the reunion in Munich. We could come. The last reunion we were in N. Y. visiting Oliver's (husband) birthplace and oldest sister. We had a wonderful trip. I felt terrible that we could not take in the reunion.

Too bad we didn't know when Mabel's mother was buried, we could have gone to the funeral and seen a lot of the Quirings. I wanted to go to Nebraska this year but only got to see brother Diedrich in Floodwood, Minnesota.

I am enclosing some pictures. Would like to get our wedding picture back. Unless your mother would like to have the one where we pick oranges and the family picture taken the day of Mother's funeral.

We never hear from home or North Dakota. Jake can't write. He called on Saturday night and we weren't home. I hope he calls again.

Anna most likely will write too. She has been sick, but is much improved. I work Tuesday and Thursday.

Your loving cousin,
Oliver and Elizabeth Gibson

Vacation in California in
1963. Alvin and Elizabeth
Gibson, Valley Springs,
South Dakota.

Elizabeth Adrian

Our wedding picture, 1945.
The two girls became my
step-daughters, ages 3 -
7½. Valley Springs, S.
Dak.

Eliz. Adrian

5th GenerationElla Marie Gibson

born Nov. 8, 1936

at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Address: California

Profession: Home Economics
TeacherChurch affiliation: Always,
CongregationalMarried to Kenneth Dollman

on Dec. 29, 1956

at Valley Springs, South Dakota

born May 13, 1937

at Platte, South Dakota

Occupation: Mechanic

Church affiliation: Later,
CongregationalTop picture from left to right:

Ella's dad, Oliver Gibson

Ella Marie and her husband Kenneth Dollman

In front are their two sons.

6th Generation - ChildrenWayne Kenneth

born Sept. 16, 1957

at Valley Springs, S. Dak.

Paul Alan

born Sept. 1, 1958

at Valley Springs, S. Dak.



Grandchildren of
Elizabeth Adrian Gibson
Paul Dallman - birthday Sept. 1
Wayne Dallman - birthday
Sept. 16
They were both 4 years old
for 16 days

Lower picture from left to right:

Ella's stepmother, Elizabeth Adrian Gibson

Ella, husband and boys



Graduate nurses at our home for an
afternoon tea.

Elizabeth Adrian Gibson

Valley Springs, South Dakota

4th GenerationHelen Adrian

born Oct. 18, 1900
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Prairie View,
 Kansas
 Profession: Postal Clerk
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Mennonite; later, Reformed
 Married to Clayton Ashley
 Smith on May 21, 1922
 at Montivedio, Minnesota
 born Sept. 16, 1897
 at Duluth, Minnesota
 Occupation: Mechanic
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Lutheran; later, none
 Married to Bernie Elkinton
 on Aug. 16, 1937
 born June 20, 1890
 at Fedora, South Dakota
 Occupation: Railroad Agent
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Christian; later, Reformed

5th Generation - ChildrenRawlin Smith

born Aug. 16, 1925
 at St. Louis, Mo.
 Occupation: Aviator
 Church affil.: Methodist

Edith Smith

born Jan. 19, 1925
 at Clarkfield, Minnesota

Delores Smith

born Jan. 16, 1926
 at Clarkfield, Minnesota

Mrs. Helen Adrian Smith writes the following lines to the Toews
 clan. A.P.T.

My most cherished memories, probably, are, when I found God
 had intervened so many times in my life to keep me from falling.

When I found all my children had accepted the Christian way of
 life. When my oldest granddaughter introduced family devotions
 as a daily way of glorifying Christ. When early in her life she
 became a dedicated child of God. She is now a Freshman at Dana
 College in Blair, Nebraska, 1964. These were the most cherished
 moments of my life.

A note to Nettie Dick, the patient and courageous gatherer of
 all this material. (A.P.T.)

This family register of generations is a big project to undertake,
 Nettie. I'm happy my part in it is as easy as it is. Pardon me
 for being so late in returning this. We had sickness, deaths
 and a score of other musts came up since I got this. And I get
 forgetful besides. Then when I see the letter still sticking
 there in the letter holder, I almost faint for overlooking it.

Helen Smith

5th GenerationEdith Claytonia Smith

born Jan. 19, 1925
 at Clarkfield, Minnesota
 Address: Cottonwood Falls,
 Minnesota
 Profession: WAVE
 Church affil.: None given
 Married to Charles Jerome
 Hellie on
 at
 born Jan. 16, 1921
 at Cottonwood Falls, Minn.
 Occupation: Aviator
 Church affil.: Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenRobert Blair

born May 28, 1950
 at Honolulu, Hawaii

Carol Jane

born Dec. 20, 1951
 at Honolulu, Hawaii

Douglas Jerome

born Jan. 29, 1953
 at Sunnyvale, Calif.

John Charles

born Sept. 18, 1955
 at Minneapolis, Minn.

James Allen

born Feb. 19, 1963
 at Los Angeles, Calif.

5th GenerationDelores Corrine Smith

born Jan. 16, 1926
 at Clarkfield, Minnesota
 Address: Phillipsburg, Kansas
 Church affiliation: None given
 Married to Alvin Richard Veek
 on Dec. 10, 1944
 at Stuttgart, Kansas
 born Oct. 16, 1922
 at Phillipsburg, Kansas
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenSally Sue

born June 19, 1946
 at Hays, Kansas

Thomas Lee

born June 4, 1948
 at Phillipsburg, Kansas

Ronald Richard

born May 17, 1950
 at Phillipsburg, Kansas

4th GenerationMargaret Adrain

born Dec. 1, 1901

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Hazel Run, Minn.

Church affil.: Earlier,

Mennonite; later, Lutheran

Married to Christian Sanerud

on May 29, 1923

at Hazel Run, Minnesota

born on June 4, 1890

in Norway

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always,

Lutheran

5th Generation - ChildrenAlfred

born Jan. 14, 1924

at Montevideo, Minn.

Curtis

born May 16, 1930

at Hazel Run, Minnesota

Eugene

born Nov. 20, 1935

Clarkfield, Minnesota

Lois

born May 13, 1940

at Montevideo, Minn.

Glen Pedey

born Oct. 12, 1944

at Montevideo, Minn.

Ch. affil.: Lutheran

Occupation: U.S. Air Force

Bottom row - left to right
Helen Elkington, Kathryn
Trenary, Top row - left to
right, Elizabeth Gibson and
Margaret Senrud

This letter is written to Nettie Dick for the Toewsbook.(A.P.T.)

5th Generation

Hazel Run, Minnesota

Nov. 13, 1964

Dear Nettie:

Am ready to go to Granite Falls. Have a few minutes. How are you folks? We are fine and busy. Last week I worked 5 days at the cafe. As a rule I work only 2 days.

We went to Lois yesterday. Came back today. Everyone is fine up there.

I cannot think of much to write about my family. The best time of my years seems to have been when I had the family at home, and found myself telling others ladies how busy I was baking and canning. Thinking how I baked the family larder full to even hide some, until I got around to my reserve, just to find that someone had been ahead of me and it was empty.

Christian Sanerud, my husband, served in World War I. Alfred, our oldest son, served in World War II. Curtis, our second son, served in the Korean War. Eugene, our third son served in the occupation forces in Germany. Glen, our youngest son, is now serving this nation in the U.S. Air Force and is at present stationed at Wurtsmith, AFB, Michigan. His work is secret and he cannot tell us what he is doing. He says he likes it fine and time goes fast.

Had a heavy frost last night. The sun is out now.

Love, Margaret (Adrian) Sanerud:



Margaret Adrian's family
(Mr. & Mrs. Christian
Sanerud). This picture
was taken before Glenn
went into the Air Force.



5th GenerationCurtis O'Niel Sanerud

born May 16, 1930

in Yellow Medicine County,
Minnesota

Address: Hazel Run, Minnesota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,
LutheranMarried to Jeannine Doris Werdaver

on May 21, 1955

at Marshall, Minnesota

born Feb. 4, 1936

in Lyn County, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Always,
Lutheran6th Generation - ChildrenSherrie Jeannine

born Nov. 2, 1958

at Clarkfield, Minnesota

Terry Curtis

born June 3, 1959

at Clarkfield, Minnesota



Oliver Gibson and
Christian Sanerud
husbands of Elizabeth
and Margaret Adrian

5th GenerationEugene Christian Sanerud

born Nov. 20, 1935

at Clarkfield, Minnesota

Address: Granite Fall, Minnesota

Occupation: Accountant

Church affiliation: Always,
LutheranMarried to Sharon May Dwire

on Aug. 9, 1958

at Arco, Minnesota

born Dec. 2, 1937

at Marshall, Minnesota

Church affiliation: None given

6th Generation - ChildrenMark David

born Aug. 18, 1958

at Clarkfield, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Nancy Kay

born March 8, 1963

at Clarkfield, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

5th GenerationLois Eulalia Sanerud

born May 13, 1940

at Montevideo, Minnesota

Address: Willmar, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Always,

Lutheran, Missouri Synod

Married to Thorador Arthur Bartel

on Aug. 15, 1959

at Hazel Run, Minnesota

born Oct. 4, 1938

at Willmar, Minnesota

(Kandiyohi County)

Occupation: Trucker

Church affiliation: Always,
Lutheran, Missouri Synod6th Generation - ChildrenThorodor Christian

born Jan. 14, 1961

at Willmar, Minnesota

Lorraine Eulalia

July 6, 1962

at Willmar, Minnesota

Linda Kay

born July 6, 1962

at Willmar, Minnesota

4th GenerationDiedrick Adrain

born Oct. 27, 1907

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Floodwood, Minn.

Occupation: Farming

Church affiliation: Always,

Salem Mennonite

Married to Katherine Pankratz
on

at

born April 3, 1910

at Munich, North Dakota

Church affiliation:

5th Generation - ChildrenMarcella June

born June 12, 1931

at Munich, North Dakota

Richard Diedrick

born Feb. 13, 1933

at Munich, North Dakota

Elda Verdette

born August 7, 1934

at Munich, North Dakota

Carol Kathryn

born Jan. 17, 1936

at Munich, North Dakota

Frances Mae

born March 22, 1945

at Munich, North Dakota

5th GenerationMarcella Adrain

born June 12, 1931

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Floodwood, Minn.

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; later, Assembly
of GodMarried to Donald Field

on Oct. 14, 1949

at Floodwood, Minnesota

born June 17, 1926

at Charbonneau, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer and Mill
WorkerChurch affiliation: Assembly
of God

6th Generation - ChildrenRuth Elaine

born June 27, 1951

at Floodwood, Minn.

Patricia Jean

born April 17, 1953

at Floodwood, Minn.

Robert Donald

born May 5, 1955

at Floodwood, Minn.

Wayne Allen

born March 25, 1958

at Floodwood, Minn.

Larry Dean

born April 6, 1961

at Floodwood, Minn.

Betty Lou

born Nov. 2, 1964

at Floodwood, Minn.

5th GenerationRichard Adrain

born Feb. 13, 1933

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: St. Lawrence, South Dakota

Occupation: American Sunday

School Union Missionary

Church affiliation: Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren

Married to Janet Cabough

on June 16, 1956

at Ogallala, Nebraska

born Sept. 2, 1935

at Roscoe, Nebraska

Church affiliation: Berean

6th Generation - ChildrenDavid

born March 25, 1957

at Omaha, Nebraska

Barbara

born May 13, 1958

at Valentine, Nebraska

Stephen

born March 25, 1960

at Valentine, Nebraska

5th GenerationElda Verdetta Adrain

born Aug. 7, 1934

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affiliation: Christian

and Missionary Alliance

Married to Delbert Eugene Bailey

on June 22, 1956

at Floodwood, Minnesota

born Jan. 1, 1931

at Iroquis, South Dakota

Occupation: Clergy - Minister of
the Gospel

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; later, Christian and

Missionary alliance

6th Generation - ChildrenCynthia Rene

born July 22, 1957

at St. Paul, Minnesota

Susan Kaye

born May 25, 1959

at Duluth, Minnesota

Keith Allen

born Sept. 7, 1960

at Granite Falls, Minn.

Steven Douglas

born May 16, 1962

at Granite Falls, Minn.

Kevin Duane

born Aug. 22, 1963

at Oconomowoc,, Wisconsin

5th GenerationCarol Kathryn Adrain

born Jan. 17, 1936

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Meadowlands, Minn.

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; later, Community Church

Married to Uno Richard Johnson

on June 1, 1963

at Floodwood, Minnesota

born August 10, 1932

in Chicago

Occupation: Farming

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Bethel Baptist; later, Community

Church

6th Generation - ChildrenDaniel Alan

born June 10, 1964

at Meadowlands, Minn.

5th GenerationFrances Adrain

born March 22, 1945

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Church affiliation: None given

Married to Lyle Bert Webster

on Nov. 11, 1963

at Sisseton, South Dakota

born Aug. 19, 1939

at Minot, North Dakota

Occupation: Construction worker

Church affiliation: Always,

Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenEverett Lyle

born Aug. 22, 1964

at East Grand Forks, Minnesota

4th GenerationHenry Adrian

born Nov. 23, 1908

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Custodian

Church affiliation: Always, Menn.

Married to Mabel Quiring (adopted)
on Dec. 11, 1930

at Hampton, Nebraska

born Sept. 28, 1913

at Sharpsville, Penn.

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Lutheran; later, Mennonitedied May 31, 1939
at Munich, N. Dak.Gerald Henry

born June 18, 1940

at Munich, N. Dak.

died June 20, 1940

at Langdon, N. Dak.

Gordon Dale

born Aug. 15, 1942

at Munich, N. Dak.

James Leonard

born Oct. 19, 1944

at Devils Lake, N.D.

Ruth Joann

born Jan. 14, 1946

at Munich, N. Dak.

This Report appeared in the Cavalier County Republican, Langdon,
North Dakota, Sept. 9, 1965Resourceful Munich Lady Sees Dream of 30 Years as Reality

More than 30 years of waiting to realize a childhood dream has finally come to an end for Mrs. Henry Adrian of Munich and the results have exceeded her greatest expectations.

Ever since she was a child, Mrs. Adrian had a desire to have a rug factory and several rug looms to make woven articles. But, there always seemed to be a shortage of money to purchase a loom and get a beginning. The dry years in North Dakota and rearing six children besides caring for her mother were factors that prevented Mrs. Adrian from realizing her dream.

Then in March of 1964 Mrs. Adrian went to the First State Bank of Munich and applied for a loan from J. J. Hillman, president, to purchase a loom. The loan was approved and the Munich woman purchased a second hand loom and warp with the idea of making a few rugs to help with expenses.

The next step was inserting a classified ad in the Cavailer County Republican for rags. She didn't expect the results to be so large and it was difficult to keep up with cutting and sewing the many rags. Her mother, who had been helping her, died and several other factors caused delays.

But, the rags kept coming in. What Mrs. Adrian needed was help. This spring Mrs. Lydia Schreinder became her right hand helper in cutting and sewing the rags. A second loom is planned for a nearby building which is under construction and the ladies plan to make rug manufacturing a full time business.

Since March of 1964 Mrs. Adrian has made 700 rugs.

She emphasizes that she has had much help from members of her family and Mrs. Schreiner, and that all is not profit.

Mrs. Adrian looks at the hobby as something creative and not destructive; she enjoys making something out of waste material.

5th Generation - ChildrenLoyagene Christian

born Nov. 26, 1931

at York, Nebraska

Occupation: Barber

Address: ?

Church affil.: None given

Velva Eloise

born Jan. 25, 1934

at Munich, North Dakota

Bobby Edwin

born June 2, 1935

at Munich, North Dakota

died June 2, 1935

at Munich, North Dakota

Lois Marie

born April 14, 1937

at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Glen Henry

born Aug. 11, 1938

at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Arlene Ruth

born May 31, 1939

at Munich, North Dakota
(cont. next col.)Henry Adrian familyLois, Layegene, Ruth, James,
Gordon, Henry, Mabel.Velva, a nurse, is not on
the picture.

Gordon has been in Okinawa 6 years. He studies the Japanese language. He gets his shoes shined and suits pressed for \$12.00 a month. He is a sargeant in the Marine Corps and is 22 years old.

Mrs. Adrian was born in Sharon, Pa., and raised by foster parents in Nebraska, coming to North Dakota in 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian are the parents of six children, Mrs. George Schmiess, Mrs. Geral Schill, Mrs. Neil Howatt, Loyegene, James and Gordon.

The three sons have been in military service and Gordon is presently a marine sargeant serving in Okinawa.

James is employed by the John Deere Implement at Munich and Loygene is barbering three days a week at Milton. The Adrians have six grandchildren.

Mr. Adrian has been disabled for 16 years and keeps busy when he can by construcing the new building for the second loom at the Adrian Rug Factory at Munich.

5th Generation

Velva Eloise Adrain

born Jan. 25, 1934

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Alsen, N. Dak.

Profession: Reg. Nurse

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite

Married to George Schmiess

on Oct. 13, 1957

at Valley City, N. Dak.

born Dec. 9, 1922

at Alsen, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Ch. affil.: Always, Menn.

6th Generation - Children

Vicki

born May 1, 1958

at Alsen, North Dakota

Sheldon

born Aug. 28, 1959

at Alsen, North Dakota

Timothy Dale

born April 7, 1964

at Alsen, North Dakota

Henry Adrian's daughter, Velva Eloise, Mrs. Geo. Schmiess, Munich, N. Dak. They live at Alsen, N. Dak.

James



5th Generation

Lois Marie Adrain

born April 14, 1937

at

Address: Valley City, N. D.

Ch. affil.: Methodist

Married to Niel Robert

Howett on Oct. 25, 1952

at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

born Nov. 14, 1924

at

Ch. affil.: Methodist

6th Generation - Child.

Monica Rae

born Aug. 17, 1954

at Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Wayde Allen

born Aug. 16, 1957

at Valley City, N. Dak.

Ricky Lee

born Aug. 21, 1960

at Valley City, N. Dak.

5th Generation

Ruth Joan Adrain

born Jan. 14, 1948

at Munich, N. Dak.

Address: Munich, N. Dak.

Church affil.: None,

before marriage; later,

Catholic

Married to Gerald Schill

on July 1, 1964

at Munich, North Dakota

born Oct. 4, 1942

at Maila, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Ch. affil.: Always,

Catholic

No children

4th GenerationKatherine Adrain

born Sept. 19, 1911

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Erwin, S. Dak.

Ch. affil.: Formerly,

Menn.; later, Congreg.

Married to Clarence FranklinTrenary on May 24, 1941

at Clarkfield, Minnesota

born July 20, 1912

at Erwin, South Dakota

Occupation: School Custodian

Ch. affil.: Congregational

5th Generation - ChildrenRobert James

born June 25, 1938

at Los Angeles, Calif.

Church affil.: Congrega-
tional

Occupation: Tile const.

Elizabeth Adell

born April 3, 1942

at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

LeRoy Gene

born Aug. 8, 1945

at Erwin, South Dakota

Church affil.: Cong.

Occupation: Farm Work

Trenary and Marken fam.

From left to right:

Clarence, Katharine and
Shellie Rae, Betty and
Rabin Terresia, Phillip,
Gene.Both pictures were taken
May, 1965.

Erwin, South Dakota

Nov. 19, 1964

Dear Nettie and Hank (Dick):

Just a line. The letter and the family book sounds interest-
ing. I haven't any picture of the family, but will try to
get one soon and I'll send it later.

We had a terrible thing happen here. Two boys, 14 and 10,
drowned in Lake Henry Sunday P.M. These were brothers and
another boy, 14, also drowned with them. They were duck hunt-
ing in a small boat. The funeral is tomorrow. It is so sad.

We finished with the potato harvest Nov. 2. It seems as if
there is always something to do. We put in a bathroom this
summer. We finally finished it.

We are all fine and enjoy the nice weather. We need rain so
badly. It has snowed in states all around but it just can't
rain or snow here.

Nov. 20 - it snowed last night and a blizzard today. It is
colder tonight.

I'm doing housework or just cleaning for my girl friend.
She teaches 8th grade in the local school every Tuesday and
Friday. It is a big house. Her children are all in school.
Two are in college and two in school. She comes from near
Bismark. I met her here. Very nice people.

Must close and get this in the mail or you will never get it.

Love, Katherine

5th GenerationElizabeth Adell Trenary

born April 3, 1942

at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

Address: Iroquois, South Dakota

Church affil.: Always, Congregation.

Married to Phillip George Marken

on Nov. 5, 1960

at Erwin, South Dakota

born March 14, 1939

at Bridgewater, South Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly, Pres-
byterian; later, Congregational6th Generation - ChildrenShellie Rae

born Sept. 14, 1961

at De Smet, South Dakota

Church affiliation: Congregational

Robin Terressia

born Dec. 10, 1963

at De Smet, South Dakota

Church affiliation: Congregational

Trenary family and granddaughters.
From left to right: Clarence,
Katherine and Shellie Rae, Betty
and Robin Terresia, Jim, Gene

3rd GenerationCornelius Quiring

born Nov. 7, 1874

on the Atlantic Ocean when coming to America as immigrants died Jan. 25, 1907

at Munich, North Dakota

Lived at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Age: 32 yrs. 3 mo. 18 days

Cause of death: Not known

Occupation: Blacksmith

Church affil.: Not given

Married to Katherine Barkman

in May 1900

at

born

at

died July 3, 1905

Cause not given:

Age:

Most likely died at Herbert, Sask.

Church affiliation: Not given

Married to Anna Loewen

in 1905

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

born July 10, 1879

at Kleefeld, Manitoba

died March 2, 1960

at Linden, Alberta

of cancer of the liver

Age: 80 yrs., 7 mo., 23 days

Church affiliation: Not given

4th Generation - ChildrenHelena (Loewen)

born Aug. 19, 1906

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

4th GenerationHelena Quiring

born Aug. 19, 1906

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Address: Victoria, B. C.

Profession: Beautician

Church affil.: Formerly, none;

now, United Church of Canada

Married to Albert E. Davis

on Nov. 17, 1924

at Three Hills, Alberta

died Dec. 5, 1955

at Three Hills, Alberta

of a heart attack

Age: 53 yrs., 10 mo., 17 days

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Three Hills

Bible Church

Married to William Green

on Sept. 30, 1944

at Victoria, B. C.

born May 10, 1895

at Sunderland, England

died Aug. 28, 1961

at Victoria, B. C.

of asthma and heart

Age: 66 yrs., 3 mo., 18 days

Occupation: Businessman

Church affil.: Formerly,

United Church of Canada;

later, Anglican

Married to Arthur Joseph Dickson

on April 28, 1964

at Victoria, B. C.

born Feb. 6, 1907

at Creston, B. C.

Occupation: Telephone Employee

Church affil.: Always,

United Church of Canada

5th Generation - ChildrenDenver Darrel Davis

born Jan. 15, 1926

at Three Hills, Alberta

Diamond Diantha Davis

born Jan. 31, 1933

at Three Hills, Alberta

5th GenerationDenver Darrel Davis

born Jan. 15, 1926

at Three Hills, Alberta

Address: Ottawa, Ontario, Can.

Occupation: Was bus driver;

now Diesel Artisafer

Church affil.: None given

Married to Cathy Danis

in 1949

at Campbell River, B. C.

born

at

divorced in 1953

Married to Mildred Martinen

on April 5, 1955

at Toronto, Ontario

born Feb. 20, 1929

in Toronto, Ontario

Church affil.: None given

6th Generation - ChildrenJoseph Laurence Davis

(from 1st marriage)

born July 28, 1950

at Campbell River, B. C.

Janet Louis Davis

(from 1st marriage)

born Aug. 28, 1951

at Campbell River, B. C.

Glenn Albert Davis

born Sept. 29, 1960

in Toronto, Ontario

(from 2nd marriage)

Wilfred Roger

born Nov. 3, 1960

at Toronto, Ontario, Can.

5th GenerationDiamond Diantha Davis

born Jan. 31, 1933

at Three Hills, Alberta, Canada

Address: Victoria, B. C., Canada

Profession: Beautician

Church affil.: United Church

of Canada; later

Married to Wilfred Rae Micks

on March 15, 1952

at Victoria, B. C., Canada

born March 13, 1932

at Port Lambton, Ont., Canada

Occupation: T.V. Technician

Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - ChildrenGordon Rae

born July 1, 1952

at Victoria, B.C., Canada

Church affil.: United Church of Canada

Sharon Angela

born Jan. 28, 1954

at London, Ontario, Canada

Church affil.: United Church of Canada

Helen Louise

born July 3, 1955

at Exeter, Ontario, Canada

Anna Marie

born Sept. 18, 1956

at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Margaret Diantha

born April 8, 1958

at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Steven William

born June 9, 1959

at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

3rd GenerationPeter J. Quiring

born May 23, 1878
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died July 31, 1939
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Cause of death: Heart attack
 Age: 61 years, 2 months, 8 days
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: None
 Married to Nettie Harder
 on Nov. 8, 1906
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born Jan. 8, 1887
 in Russia
 died Nov. 18, 1914
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Age: 27 years, 10 months, 10 days
 of dropsy
 Church affiliation: Not given

4th Generation - ChildrenAnnie

born Aug. 14, 1911
 at Munich, North Dakota
 died March 15, 1941
 at Munich, North Dakota



Annie Quiring - Mrs. Jacob Hoffman

4th GenerationAnnie Quiring

born Aug. 14, 1911
 at Munich, North Dakota
 died March 15, 1941
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Froze to death in a snowstorm
 Age 29 yrs., 4 mo., 30 days
 Ch. affil.: Always, Mennonite
 Married to Jacob Hoffman
 on Nov. 25, 1935
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born Aug. 31, 1903
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 Address: Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Businessman
 Ch. affil.: Always, Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenEvonne Ann

born Sept. 28, 1937
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 died March 15, 1941
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Froze to death with her mother
 in a snowstorm a few miles
 from home.
 Age: 4 years, 5 months, 15 days



Evonne - Daughter of Mrs. Jacob Hoffman



Graveyard - coffins left to right
 Annie, Mrs. Jake Hoffman
 Evonne, daughter of Mrs. Hoffman
 Mr. Henry Friesen - driver of the car
 Beloved Sunday School teacher. Age 29



Annie and Evonne Hoffman and their car
 on their yard after the fatal snowstorm
 March 15, 1941.

A report in The Cavalier County Republican (Mar. 15, 1962) on the snowstorm that hit North Dakota on March 15, 1941.

Twenty-one years ago today (Thursday) a terrific blizzard roared through Cavalier county without warning, causing the death of six county people.

At least 76 victims were claimed by the March 15, 1941 blizzard in the Northwest. A northwest wind, which was recorded at speeds of from 40 to more than 80 miles per hour, lashed down over most of northern North Dakota and into Minnesota on that Saturday evening.

Although light snow had been falling, driven by a moderate wind, and weather forecasts had predicted rising winds, the storm struck early that evening, practically without warning.

The blizzard, which swept into north central North Dakota from Canada at around 5 o'clock, enveloped Langdon at about 6:50 o'clock.

Many county residents can remember the tragedy, narrow escapes and heroism which took place during the storm.

Among those who perished in the storm were two Hannah young people, Louise McLeod, 11-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock McLeod, and Kenneth Nickerson, 10-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Nickerson.

They were caught in the storm after having left a 4-H club meeting at the Byron school in a horse-drawn toboggan for their home northwest of the school. They tried to return to the school after the storm struck some minutes later, but missed it.

A search party found the bodies about a quarter mile east of the school the following morning at 3:30 o'clock. The horse was caught in a fence nearby. The animal had been unhitched from the toboggan and the tugs were fastened up, indicating that the children had put up a game fight and probably even tried to ride the horse.

Other victims of the storm were Mrs. Jacob Hoffman, her four-year old daughter, Evonne, and Henry Friesen of the Munich vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and their daughter and Mr. Friesen, who made his home with them, had returned from Devils Lake to their farm four miles south of Munich and were walking from their car, parked on the road, to the house when the storm struck.

Since the approach road was blocked by snow, it had been their habit to park the car there and walk to the house.

When the storm struck, Mr. Hoffman was the only one able to reach the house. He telephoned neighbors for help and went back into the yard to search.

Searchers found the bodies about 50 feet from the granary on the yard at 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Mr. Hoffman was badly frozen about the face and arms.

Mrs. Harold Weiner of Elgin township was the sixth county victim of the storm. She died two days after the blizzard from the effects of being badly frozen about the hands and lower extremities. With her husband, young daughter and infant son she had arrived home that evening and the storm overtook them as they were walking a few hundred yards from their car to the farm. They lost their bearings when the little girl was blown off her feet and rolled away in the wind.

A fence was finally located and Mr. Weiner fought his way along the fence, leaving his family huddled near it, to determine their location. He found the sheep shed and went back for the family.

All the children were brought in and he went back and carried his wife who could not walk. They remained in the shed until early next morning.

Another victim of the storm was an Edmore man, Lawrence Melland. He and two companions, Arthur Fjelstad and Svale Egeland, were heading for Edmore when their car stalled during the blizzard.

Melland insisted he had to get home and started walking. Three days later, March 18, his frozen body was found about five miles from where he had left the car. His two companions, who had remained in the car, survived.

A hero of the storm was a former Langdon youth, Bob Miller, who tried to save the life of his companion, Raymond Johnson. Miller, who was then living in Valley City, was on his way home from Cooperstown accompanied by Johnson when the storm struck.

Their truck stalled and they began to walk about 8 p.m., following a fence. Johnson, a large man, collapsed, and Miller tried to drag him. Near exhaustion he dug two large holes in a deep drift and tried to revive Johnson.

Miller then started out for help, arriving at a deserted farm house. He took all the clothing he could find and set out to find Johnson. He attempted to drag him again, but failed. He then walked back to the house and after warming himself walked back to Johnson and tried to get him to move.

In desperation he walked the mile into Cooperstown for help. However, Johnson was dead when help finally arrived. Miller was severely frozen about the face, hands, and feet.

Numerous other county residents had narrow escapes during the storm. Among these was Oscar Olson of Osford township who sought shelter under the bed of his bobsleigh which had been tipped over by the storm. To keep his blood circulating he crawled from under the box at various times during the night and walked around it. However, he was badly frozen about the face and hands.

Two children in Osford township, Leona Watt and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaren, were caught by the storm while out playing. After the blizzard struck Elmer Watt went in search of them and found them struggling to reach the sheep shed.

After about five hours he carried them from this shelter to the Towers home. The girl, who had lost a shoe, had a foot badly frozen, and the boy's face was frost-bitten.

Many other country residents were forced to spend the entire night in their cars when they became stalled.

No matter what the future may hold where severe storms are concerned, the blizzard of 1941 will be long remembered by Cavalier county residents.

3rd Generation

Diedrich J. Quiring
born Jan. 18, 1880
at Henderson, Nebraska
died Sept. 23, 1946
at Munich, North Dakota
Age: 60 years, 8 months
and 5 days
Cause of death: Heart
Occupation: Farming
Church affiliation:
Always, Mennonite
Married to Maria Harder
on Dec. 1, 1910
at Rush Lake, Saskatchewan
born Nov. 27, 1891
in Russia
Church affil.: Not given

4th Generation - Children

Nettie
born Oct. 6, 1913
at Munich, North Dakota

Edwin
born July 7, 1918
at Munich, North Dakota

Alice
born March 4, 1920
at Munich, North Dakota

4th Generation

Nettie Quiring
born Oct. 6, 1913
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Munich, N. Dak.
Ch. affil.: Always,
Mennonite
Married to Henry J. Dick
on June 4, 1936
at Munich, North Dakota
born Dec. 22, 1909
at Munich, North Dakota
Occupation: Farming
Ch. affil.: Always,
Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

Eugene H.
born Jan. 20, 1939
at Langdon, North Dakota
Occupation: Business Ad-
ministration
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite

John E.
born Jan. 5, 1943
at Langdon, North Dak.
Occupation: Teacher
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite



Baptismal service:
Annie and Nurine Hoffman
and Nettie Quiring
(Mrs. Henry J. Dick)



The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick
and John when he graduated.



Henry J. Dick's
family.
25th Anniversary
on Jan. 4, 1961

Our boys, Eugene
and John.



This is the Diedrich Quiring family taken in 1964. The
lady sitting in the chair is Mrs. Diedrich Quiring,
3rd generation.
The children are her grandchildren, from left to right:
Pat Quiring, Marilyn Janzen, Judy Janzen, Gary Quiring,
John Dick, Bill Janzen, Pamela Quiring (standing), Elice
Quiring (on grandmother's lap). Eugene Dick is also a
grandchild but he is not on the picture. He was in
Korea at the time.

Taken from Mennonite Weekly Review
July 27, 1966

Recognized for Service to Korean Children

Munich, N.D. - Special recognition was given to Eugene H. Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Dick of Munich, for his service to Korean children during three and a half years of Pax service in Pusan. He returned to his home here July 3.

While in Korea, Mr. Dick was employed at the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital, working in the capacity of liaison and administrative assistant.

Before leaving Korea, he received the gold medal for charity service from the Pusan City Mayor, and letters of appreciation from the hospital board of directors, the Orphanage Association, and the Pusan City Social Welfare Ministry. These were in recognition of his work in strengthening friendship between two nations and contributing to the betterment of orphan and indigent children in Korea.

Conceived and founded by American soldiers during the Korean war, the Charity Hospital provides free medical and surgical services to an average of 15,000 orphans and abandoned, under-privileged children annually.

Mr. Dick is a graduate of Northwestern College, Minneapolis. His plans for the future have not been announced.

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1. Eugene and his gold medal.
2. Eugene receiving the letter of recognition.
3. The letter of recognition
4. Shaking hands with the mayor of Pusan who presented the letter.

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4th GenerationEdwin Quiring

born July 7, 1918

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer and Electrician

Church affiliation: Formerly,
none; later, LutheranMarried to Ruby Elaine Olsen

on Sept. 7, 1943

at Miami, Florida

born Sept. 19, 1923

at Rocklake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Always,
Lutheran5th Generation - ChildrenPatricia Evonne

born Oct. 16, 1946

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Gary Diedrick

born Jan. 1, 1948

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Pamela Ann

born July 7, 1960

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Edie Alice

born Jan. 28, 1963

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

4th GenerationAlice Quiring

born March 4, 1920

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Profession: Store Clerk

Church affiliation: None given

Married to William E. Janzen

on Oct. 5, 1939

at Munich, North Dakota

born March 30, 1910

at Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Grocery store owner
and managerChurch affiliation: Always,
Mennonite5th Generation - ChildrenJudith Alice

born Oct. 31, 1941

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Marilyn Jane

born Jan. 23, 1947

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Mennonite

William Paul

born May 22, 1949

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationJudith Alice Janzen

born Oct. 31, 1941

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Address: Grand Forks, North Dakota

Profession: Teacher

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; later, Lutheran

Married to Harold Lee

on June 14, 1963

at Munich, North Dakota

born Oct. 7, 1942

at Reynolds, North Dakota

Occupation: Carpenter and Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,
Lutheran

JOHAN TOEWS

The Johan Toews Family

When discussing the Johan Toews family, it is essential for two reasons, that we deal briefly with the overall Mennonite movement from Russia to America in the 1870's.

First, almost all Russian, Mennonite immigrants on their way to their permanent homes in this country, passed through the Mountain Lake, Minnesota area. Often they stayed, but many passed on. It happened quite often that even those who had gone further west came back later to try Minnesota again, at least until new offers of open lands were made. From time to time the governments offered homesteads and railroads sold large tracts for \$5.00 an acre or quite a bit less. All our original Toews families were affected that way.

Second, many descendants of Johan Toews still live in this original settlement area. We find them today from Minneapolis to Windom. It was from here that they also left for Saskatchewan and other Canadian offers. This was not what only the Johan Toews family did, but hundreds of Mennonites who had come from Russia.

Mountain Lake was one of the main and first Russian Mennonite settlements here in the American midwest. The other settlements were more or less outgrowths of the Minnesota beginnings.

Mennonites have always tried to stay together. They developed a mutuality which was wider than amongst other groups. This may have had its beginning when they were severely persecuted and unwanted because of their religious views. They settled closely together in villages, usually around the church and school like the Catholics in French Canada do to this day. The church and the village organization were the channels through which this mutuality found its expression.

The Mennonite settlements in Minnesota and elsewhere often got their names from natural features, the names of earlier and isolated settlers or important events. Joes and Kirk in Colorado, for instance, got their names from earlier settlers named Joseph White and a German farmer named Neukirch. In Manitoba and other provinces and states, numerous Russian village names were applied as they fitted the new areas. "Steinbach," for instance, came to be thus named after the Russian village so named and a brook having numerous stones along which the village was planted. In Minnesota Bingham Lake and Butterfield got their names of settlers and the surrounding terrain.

The name Mountain Lake has its origin from a 900-acre lake a little southwest of the town. William Mason, an early trapper, and his wife came to this vicinity and built a log cabin on an island jutting about 45 feet above the water of this lake. The first white child born in this area was their daughter born

in this log cabin. Parts of this cabin were still in the place when our first settlers in 1873 arrived. Dr. H. R. Basinger, a well-known doctor in his Mountain Lake hotel and clinic named after him, had Mr. Mason for a patient in Spokane, Washington. Mr. Mason told him how he trapped raccoon, beaver, mink, foxes and wolves in Minnesota.

When the first Russian Mennonite settlers arrived in Elkhart, Indiana, in 1873, a land-seeking committee was organized. This committee was to go to the different available lands that had been viewed by their deputies the year before. William Ewert from Kansas and about a dozen European men belonged to the deputies and later approvers for settlement.

The lands appraised first were in the vicinity of Fargo, North Dakota, which Ewert had previously marked with a buffalo head. From here they went to other recommended lands in South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. The North Dakota offer was dropped because the water, the wells, did not satisfy them. Kansas was too hot and dry. Neither wheat and barley nor potatoes seemed to do well here. Corn seemed the main crop but the Mennonites regarded it as an inferior crop. Iowa also had too much corn for them and the people here looked too sickly. They were afraid the climate was not very good. They liked Minnesota best for its many small lakes, running streams and rich meadows. The well-fed cattle convinced them that this was the most desirable country. Potatoes, wheat and barley did well. They said faces here were ruddy and healthy, in Kansas sallow and sickly.

The 1873 pioneers arrived too late in fall for field work but they immediately started to prepare for next spring. Most of them purchased their land from the St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad Company at a price from \$4.00 and \$6.00 an acre.

Each year until 1879, substantial members of Russian settlers came to augment the Mennonite population in Minnesota. In 1874, however, the largest part of the immigration was directed toward Kansas and Dakota. Minnesota receiving only fifteen families. Apparently this group came over with the Kansas group which left in July. Their train was extremely crowded. Under these conditions a baby was born to Mrs. Jacob Klassen for which the entire car was emptied and made available to them. The destination for this train was Kansas and most likely those that stayed in Minnesota were those who had had enough of the trip when they got that far.

Seemingly this group especially had difficulties almost from the time that it left Russia. In Hamburg they were told that every one had to exchange his rubles for dollars in the

immigration building and no one was to leave the building before this had been done.

It's always easier to lead the mule to the water than to make him drink. When the Mennonites were told that no one was to leave the place and the exchange rate had drastically dropped over night, it was much easier to lead the Mennonites to the exchange counter than to make him exchange his rubles for dollars. In spite of contrary orders, the frugal Mennonites slipped out and to their dismay found that the exchange on the street was much better. Their suspicion about the orders not to leave the building as if the boat would leave any minute also found corroboration when they had to wait five days until the boat left.

The ~~name~~ of their boat was the Teutonic and being a freighter took a long time preparing somewhat for passenger transport. During this tiresome wait one of the children died and was buried close to the Hamburg zoological garden.

Finally the boat was ready to take on 1200 passengers but the accommodations were very poor. The food tasted like sea water and the rooms were fumigated every day for 2 hours. Best of all was the toasted Mennonite rye bread the immigrants had taken along from home. A Jew who happened in their quarters scratched and itched all over. Upon examination he found that his clothes were full of lice. In his disgust he took all his clothes and dumped them into the sea.

After two weeks of this kind of travel the ship landed at Hoboken, N. Y. The place where their ship docked was called Castle Gardens and what a name this proved to be, for this place of utter confusion and frustration. To undo as much of this unpleasantness as possible, they did not take to beer or whisky, not even coca cola, but watermelon and roll cookies. I guess some father of a large family took his well-watched purse and pulled out a few coins for a watermelon around which the entire brood gathered to imbibe American hospitality and opportunity, spitting the seeds all over the place as a token of disgust for boat and seasickness.

But this apparently was not the end of hardship. When they got as far as St. Louis for those going to Kansas, the food was just about all gone. When the train stopped at Summerfield, Ill., about 25 miles east of St. Louis, the Swiss Mennonites who had settled there about 10 years before came into the train with food and gave what other aid the worn-out travellers needed. As much as the Mennonites hung on to their purses and money, a pickpocket was able to steal David Unruh's purse. As a rule it was pretty hard to get the Mennonites to spend. One of the Kansas settlers landed at Peabody, still with a \$1000 in his pocket.

In 1875, Minnesota got more immigrants again. Of a party of 95 families coming in the Nederland and State of Nevada, in July and August, about half of them went to Mountain Lake.

With the coming of larger groups the problems of leaving Russia increased proportionately. Many large meetings were held where prospective settlers were informed about available lands and transport. Lands had to be disposed of and this became more difficult as the number of farms were offered for sale. The price of lands dropped very much and goods that were auctioned off brought only slight returns.

Final partings often were quite sad. Very few expected to see each other again. Pictures were not available because the Ten Commandments forbade all "picture making." In one instance, however, all scruples were temporarily set aside when a family went 20 "Wersts" to have pictures taken with a photographer.

Leaving the country with such large families and without a definite place to go gave especially the mothers much concern. In spite of the governments and railroads providing temporary immigration buildings the families had to endure quite a bit. Goods that were needed during the first weeks had to be taken along. They were put in boxes, tied up with ropes for handles and carried as baggage. Every member of the family had his allotments of bundles. The mothers usually carried the latest addition to the family and the fathers led the loaded brood wherever an embarkation or exit from the many wagons, trains and ships had to be made.

The question of foods enroute also was a big problem. Eating places were few and there just wasn't the money for whole families to eat out. Before leaving, sackfuls of buns were baked and roasted and hams covered with dough were baked.

The trip itself was connected with many hardships. The first task was to get to the railroad station which was usually about 20 miles away. The trains invariably were freight trains with bunks or improvised seats along the sides to sit, eat and sleep on. Those who did not find room on the seats simply took to the floor. Such facilities as toilets and washrooms were unknown. With every stop of the train a dash was made for fresh air and comfort. All mothers were prepared for eventualities between stops. Usually the stops proved too brief.

Border crossings were unexpectedly uneventful. The car doors were closed and fastened from the outside. Since the fares were all paid by the leaders for the entire group, no conductors and trainmen were available. All needs had to be taken care of at the stops. In Berlin an observer remarked: "Look at these people, poor and ignorant, dirty and black as negroes, and going to America, an unknown and wild country."

The boat to take them was a chartered freighter very poorly outfitted. Two rows of berths made of rough lumber and one above the other were attached to the floor and walls. The heavier baggage was stored in the hole below. There was hardly enough time for the passengers to go aboard. The boat had barely gotten out of the harbor when their stomachs began to rebel. Due to the heavy fog, the groaning and lamenting on all sides was intermittently and painfully emphasized by the droning and shrieking of the ship's whistle.

After the boat got to the high seas and into calmer waters the journey was less trying. The two weeks on boat were comparatively uneventful. Nevertheless, when one of the passengers shouted "land" a great shout of joy went up and rushed on deck. When the pilot came on board to take the boat into the harbor everyone made for his load of responsibility and was keyed up to set his feet on American soil.

Again the points were Hoboken and the initiating Castle Gardens. Luggage was thrown in all directions, the heat was most oppressive, people were pushing in every direction and the crowds seemingly endless. Officials were trying their best to maintain a semblance of order by shouting at the top of their voices. In the midst of all this they were not pleasantly surprised to hear a well-dressed gentleman introduce himself in Low German as "eck sieh Jehaun Reima." Reimer had been sent by the Railroad company to meet and help them on the trip to Mountain Lake and Kansas. In later years many learned to know this man better through the many contacts they had with him in the settlements.

After what rubles they still had were changed into American currency, the baggage sorted and properly addressed, the passengers were separated into groups as to their destinations. This was a sad spectacle. There were many sad farewells while the train stood waiting on the track to take them into Indian country. After all finally got settled in their seats, bunks and floor, the train with ominous grunting pulled slowly out from the known into the unknown.

The following night was comparatively quiet and everyone found the train ride fairly comfortable after such wearisome sea voyage and tumultuous landing. The next day, however, being the 4th of July, was different. At every station were large crowds and there was shooting everywhere. Our parents did not understand what all this noise was about and feared that they had gotten into worse warfare than what they had fled from in Russia. They did not know that the Americans were celebrating their independence on the 4th of July.

The immigrants had travelled about six weeks when they finally arrived in Mountain Lake. Upon arrival they met some

of their friends who had left Russia the year before and who took them to the immigration halls where they stayed until their own homes were ready. No one on the whole trip had to buy a full meal, had taken seriously ill, had met with an accident or had died. Every problem had been met as had been planned before leaving home. When they disembarked they praised the Lord for His merciful help and protection. To this day our people manifest their praise and gratitude to God for His goodness.

The immigrants wasted no time in establishing their new homes. Former settlers had certain farms in mind on which they wanted their friends and relatives to settle as their neighbors. In a few days they were all out to look for good buys. One example was the Gerhard H. Fast's place, bought three days after arriving. They paid \$1600 for 160 acres. With it they got 2 horses, 2 cows, one heifer, an old wagon, a plow, a harrow. The house was 20x20 faced with siding. The walls were made of boards, plaster and newspapers. Ten people lived in this place at first.

These immigrants arrived a few weeks before harvest. The newcomers were very much interested in the new American harvesting reapers that cut and bundled in open sheaves much faster than the best immigrant cutter could do by hand. Some of the Mennonites harvested as much as 200 bushels. They would have had more if the grasshoppers had not been so bad. The boys had a time of their life fishing in the numerous lakes and streams.

The following winter was cold and had many snowstorms. Some wilderness homes strung a wire from the house to the barn so as not to get lost. Several farmers had brought oxen and had plowed quite a bit before the cold weather set in. Oxen cost about \$80.00 and horses again as much. Oxen were used in the field and horses on the road.

Next spring (1876) the grain came up well. However, the ground was full of grasshopper eggs and as soon as they hatched they devoured the crops. By the time the crop was eaten they were full-grown and took off in swarms that darkened the sun. Swarm after swarm came and kept on eating as fast as the new shoots could come up. This kept up until one day a strong northwind swept them out of the country. The crop was very small or nothing at all.

Grasshoppers affected Manitoba, where the Peter Toews family had settled 2 years before the same way. Conditions discouraged many and only a few Mennonites came the next year. Mountain Lake got none. Favorable breeding places, winds and natural cycles were the reasons for this insect invasion. Had it not been for the undaunted spirit of our forefathers they

would have given up and gone elsewhere. We read only of two families that went back to Russia from the Minnesota settlements.

With outside help and mutual assistance the Mennonites weathered the following winter. In spring they were eager to plant a new crop. For such settlers who came later these troubles were a blessing in disguise. Many of the earlier native settlers, discouraged, sold their places, cattle and all to our people, and moved on. Many of our later Russian immigrants took advantage of securing properties at comparatively low prices.

In 1877 a number of settlers came from Manitoba where they had taken up homesteads in 1874. Conditions there were much worse than in Minnesota for the climate was colder and possibilities fewer. These settlers originally had come from Bergtal in Russia and their conservative, Flamish, backgrounds found their kin in the Mennonites around Butterfield who had come from Poland.

But this spring the grasshoppers again made their appearance and many settlers dreaded what might happen. At this time Minnesota's Christian governor helped them when he told them to pray that God would take the hoppers away. When they fervently prayed, God sent parasites that fed on the insects and saved the crops. The crop that fall was very good and that was the last time that Minnesota has been seriously jeopardized that way.

In 1878, 106 Mennonite families came from Russia on the Strasburg and State of Nevada. They again came through Castle Gardens and had much the same treatment that previous settlers got. Minnesota got only 25 of these families.

1879 was the last year the Mennonites came from overseas in larger numbers. Only 14 families came to make their home in Mountain Lake. The Johan Toews family was amongst those who went through the place and on to Henderson, Nebraska.

By this time the settlements had become economically sufficiently established so that more time could be given to church and schools. The settlement had two ordained ministers, David Schroeder who came in 1873, and Aaron Wall who came in 1875, but there was no elder. This was essential in those days because they were the only ones to baptize. Aaron Wall taught the first baptismal class but did not baptize. Further organization of churches was required.

In order to understand the attitude that Johan Toews took to the churches, it will be helpful if a few things are said about these organizations. There were six main steps that were taken.

The Pioneer Mennonite Church at Mountain Lake - 1876

The first two ordained Mennonite ministers to come to Mountain Lake were Rev. David Schroeder, who came in 1873, and Rev. Aaron Wall, who came in 1875.

During the winter of 1876 Rev. Wall instructed the first ten Mennonite baptismal candidates. They were baptized on Pentecost Sunday in Rev. Schroeder's shed by elder William Ewert from Kansas.

Rev. Wall was always concerned about the welfare of the early settlers. Having some medical knowledge and being a gifted bonesetter he helped many that were ill. But then, also, many came to him with their spiritual problems. Upon request, Rev. Wall was ordained as an "elder" by Elder William Ewert on Sept. 20, 1876.

All the Mennonites in the settlement worshipped together now under the eldership of Aaron Wall. The newly organized congregation called itself The Hochfeld Church (Gemeinde).

The Mennonite Brethren Church at Bingham Lake - 1877

In 1877 the Mennonite Brethren had their beginning at Bingham Lake five miles west of Mountain Lake when Peter Martens and Heinrich Bergthold, upon their conviction that valid baptism was only immersion, went into the water and baptized each other. Neither of them had been ordained as a minister nor was there a minister in the community who had been immersed.

These brethren had their first encouragement to take further steps of forming a congregation when Heinrich Voth, who came to America as a newly-converted teacher and associated with these brethren. The other Mennonites highly respected their convictions and Rev. Heinrich Friesen from the First Mennonite Church ordained Voth as a minister and in 1885 Rev. Abraham Schellenberg from Hillsboro, Kansas, ordained him as elder.

The Gospel Mennonite Church - 1878

Elder Aaron Wall's congregation carried on as the Hochfeld Church until 1878. Many of the settlers became so attached to their elder that it sometimes was even called the "Wall's Church."

However, Rev. David Schroeder, who came to America in 1873 as an ordained minister, did not agree with Elder Wall in the observance of footwashing in connection with the communion service and a few other practices. Those agreeing with Rev. Schroeder elected in 1877, David Loewen and Johan Schultz as ministers and Rev. Schroeder ordained them. The divergents began their own services, at first though, on an unorganized basis.

This mother church has continued to this day in spite of two new groups emerging from it. In 1878, when Rev. Schroeder's followers left this original congregation, it built a church building which was remodelled in 1913.

In 1888 this basic Hochfeld congregation became the Bergfeld Church and called itself the "Mennoniten Gemeinde zu Mountain Lake." In more recent years it has been renamed the "Gospel Mennonite Church" and has undertaken some more building.

The First Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake - 1878

A considerable change in the Mountain Lake Mennonite church organization took place with the coming of Elder Gerhard Neufeld, who had been ordained as "elder" in Russia by Elder Gerhard Wiebe. His coming to Mountain Lake and association with Rev. David Schroeder's group was the formal beginning of the First Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake.

This church was organized in 1878 and until 1938 had the name "Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake." It had no conference affiliation until 1917 when it joined the General Conference.

Personalities again played a part, and, as in the case of the "Wall's church," this became known as the "Neufeld's church." Reverend Neufeld served this church as elder until 1910 and was beloved of many.

But not only did the congregation prosper under the leadership of a devoted elder. Again it was the caring for the body that played such a big part. Mrs. Neufeld was an accomplished midwife and gave much needed assistance to many a mother in those pre-doctor days.

Via Mrs. Neufeld, the reverend's church came to be known in other Mennonite settlements, including Steinbach, Manitoba. Mrs. Neufeld gave courses in midwifery which were attended by Mrs. Peter Toews, Greenland, Manitoba, and Mrs. Johan R. Reimer, Steinbach, Manitoba. Both later served as midwives

amongst Mennonites as well as non-Mennonites. Even the one penning these lines saw his first daylight with the aid of Mrs. Johan Reimer. Rev. Peter J. B. Reimer, now living at Rosenort, Manitoba, formerly of Steinbach, and the late K. J. B. Reimer, widely known Steinbach historian, are her sons. Professor Reimer of North Dakota University in Fargo, is her grandson.



The First Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake built its first own church building in 1882. About this church Mrs. Agnes Martens, daughter of Heinrich J. Toews, writes:

"My parents were of the first members of this congregation. They were instructed and baptized in this church. Also all their children were baptized into this membership. My son, David, his wife and I are still members of it."

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This building was rebuilt in 1911. Until 1938 it had the name "The Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake." In 1956 a new brick building, seating 710, was built. In 1936 the services were changed from the German to the English.

The First Mennonite Church of Butterfield - 1878

The church adjustments taking place in Mountain Lake in 1878, extended into the Butterfield area, beginning about 3 miles east of Mountain Lake. The Johan Toews family lived about 2 miles southwest of Butterfield and were well within the range of these effects.

The Butterfield settlement had its beginning in 1876 when a number from Bergthaler came from Manitoba. In 1874, Elder Gerhard Wiebe's entire Bergthal congregation in Russia, left for America. Almost all of them settled in Manitoba where conditions were very trying because of rigorous climate, lack of drainage, and lack of fertile easily-tilled soil, free from stones. A few had gone directly to Butterfield and when those in Manitoba saw the better opportunities in the Butterfield area, several left, especially during the first two years, for the south.

In 1880 a new influx of Mennonite settlers started to come into the Butterfield area. Galician Mennonites from Lemberg, Poland under the leadership of ministers Daniel Brubacher and Heinrich Kintzi now arrived. Their religious background being similar to that of the Bergthaler, fitted them well together, which was conducive to an early church organization.

During the first years, Rev. Schroeder and the other ministers of his congregation in Mountain Lake, had church services with them from time to time in their homes. When Elder Neufeld came in 1878, more aggressive steps were taken and the Bergthal Church of Butterfield, located 4 miles north of Butterfield, was organized.

At first the congregation continued to meet in the house but when the Polish Mennonites began to come in 1880, new church life in greater dimensions had to be taken into consideration.

In order to cope with the problem, the organization was expanded to include all settlers and a church building was built in 1882, and was remodeled in 1942. In 1892 David Harder was elected to the ministry, and in 1900 Jacob Stoesz. Both served the congregation for many years, Jacob Stoesz as elder 1919-30. The congregation has about 100 members.

On the other side we have a few pictures, showing what the church complex looks like today. We noticed several names on the tombstones of Polish ancestry.

On the left below we have a picture of the old building as it now looks, being used as a utility house on a nearby farmstead.

On the right we have the cemetery started with the organization of the congregation. It is still being used and in excellent condition.

Below we have the present church and on the right of the church is the parsonage, which is not on the picture. The entire church complex is resplendent evidence of the sturdy, religious and upright pioneering Mennonite spirit and convictions which are so basic of this settlement.



David Toews, a grandson of Johan Toews, lives about a mile from this church. He, with his family, has belonged to it for many years. During much of that time he has faithfully served as Sunday School teacher. Johan Toews, David's grandfather, lived 6 miles south of this church, but did not belong to it.

The Evangelical Mennonite Brethren - 1889

Before the reservoir of Mennonite settlers in the Mountain Lake region had completed its cycle of change and assumed the array it has today, Elder Wall's church had to convulse once more. This time Elder Wall himself left with a small group to continue in the religious convictions which had evolved in his own life.

Elder Wall's three main reasons for separation were:

- (1) A baptismal candidate should have a "being born again" experience before being baptized and received as a church member.
- (2) A Christian way of life should be in evidence of one "being born again."
- (3) The church to practice discipline.

The "Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Conference" was organized on Oct. 14, 1889, adopting the rather imposing name, "Conference of United Mennonite Brethren in North America." Later they took even the longer name, "Defenseless Mennonite Brethren of Christ in North America." In the immediate vicinity of Mountain Lake the name "Bruderthaler" (brethren of the valley) was used. This name expressed the situation rather well. It simply designated that Elder Wall and his brethren met further down the valley. It was a rather fitting name, as it well expressed their piety and convictions.

Today this group is often referred to as EMB's. Books and reports frequently list them that way. None of the Johan Toews family affiliated with this group, but the religious expression of this group affected the whole church life around Mountain Lake.

The Bethel Mennonite Church - 1889

The Bethel Mennonite Church is a daughter church of the Mountain Lake, First Mennonite Church. It originated in 1889 with 47 charter members. This congregation built its first church in 1890, the second enlargement in 1894 and the present imposing brick building, seating 970, in downtown Mountain Lake, in 1941.

The members of this congregation are mainly descendants of Russian Mennonites who came in 1873-78. About half are farmers and the Low German dialect is still spoken in many homes. Such well-known Mennonite leaders as Jacob J. Balzer, Peter A. Penner and Erland Waltner have served the church as elders. This church affected the Johan Toews family.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance - 1920

The Christian and Missionary Alliance was organized in 1920. Ethnically the congregation is typically American but the Mountain Lake chapter is chiefly composed of Mennonites. Its tenets of faith are much the same as that of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren with a predominant emphasis on missions.

To the Toews family this expression has been quite important. The Elizabeth Janzen Heide family have been members of this congregation ever since its beginning. The Heide's daughter, Marie, and her husband, David Schultz, now residing in Mountain Lake, were their missionaries at one time.

Non-Mennonite Churches

In no wise can we disregard the various fine other churches that our wonderful clan members belong. As you will learn through these pages you will find that our Toews descendants belong to almost every church represented in America.

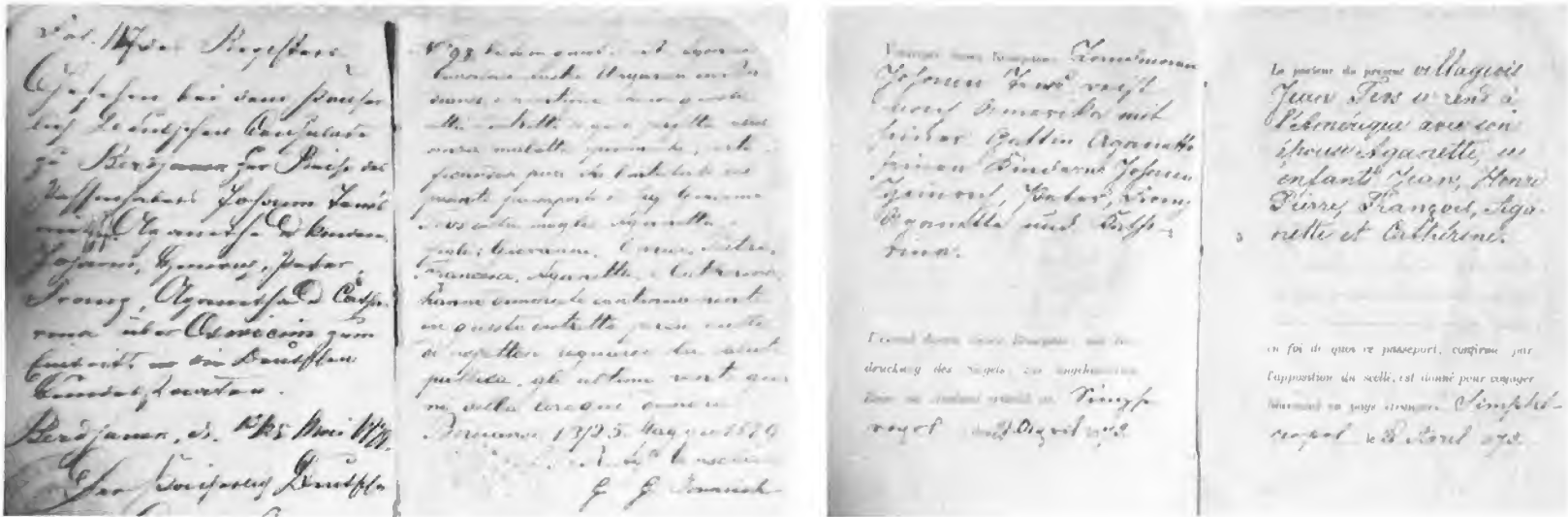
If it were possible we would mention every church involved, but this cannot be done for the want of space. We have orientated those most vitally connected historically with the lives of our forebears.

With what has been said as background, we will now better understand the early days of the Johan Toews family. Father Toews, perhaps, was not very aggressive, somewhat passive, composed and deliberate. He was not overly concerned about immediate decisions, relying extensively on solutions to emerge from the turn of events. He, for instance, came to America 6 years after the first settlers came. No large numbers came after 1879, the year he came. He got his passport only 15 days before sailing. We do not find that his family sailed with others. In the entire move he seems to have a little of this "better late than never" attitude.

We do not find that Johan Toews formally affiliated with any church in America. He had been baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in Russia and perhaps thought that that was enough for him. He encouraged his children to be baptized and become church members. His family has always had very active church people. Abraham was baptized by elder Ger. Neufeld and was given, at the time, C. H. Wedel's book "Geschrieben an junge Christen in unseren Mennonitischen Kreisen." In front of the book Rev. Neufeld wrote "zur freundlichen Erinnerung and deinen Tauftag und an deinem Täufer, Gerhard

Neufeld, 1906, in Mountain Lake." Abram at the time was 19, the correct time for Mennonite young people to join the church. At Morse, Sask., the church services were held in Abram's house.

On the passport below we note that two dates are given, the top is for Russia and the bottom for non-Russian countries, a difference of 12 days. The passport was made out in Simphoropol and stamped Berdjansk, the place where they left the country. Since they went through Germany, one page of the pass was in German, and addressed to "das deutsche Reich."



When the Toewses came from Russia they went first to Henderson. In 1876 they left Henderson like so many others because of drought and grasshoppers. When they left Henderson they moved to Tyndall, South Dakota. They stayed there only one year because of drought and came back to Butterfield where they rented a farm 1½ miles south and ½ mile west of town. They stayed here until 1907 when they moved to Morse, Saskatchewan. The children Peter and Tien went there in the fall of 1906 but the father and family stayed until the next year to pay some debts and clear up matters. Saskatchewan was bald prairie and when the children arrived they found that a prairie fire had burned everything. Abram W. Toews, their uncle who came earlier in 1906, had saved his buildings, but the rest was burned.

Johan Toews died at Morse in 1910 and is buried in the Morse cemetery. Mrs. Toews also died there in 1921 and is also buried in the same place. Both died of strokes. Today their children and grandchildren are located chiefly in the places where the parents used to live.



This picture was taken at the time of the Toewsfest in Steinbach, Manitoba on June 24 and 25, 1961. It was taken by the local paper, the Carillon News. Underneath the picture the paper wrote at the time: The John Toews group, descendants of Johan Toews, who originally settled in Henderson and Butterfield. Many have drifted to Canada, others spread out from Duluth to San Francisco.

The 4 grown up people in the front row from left to right are: Mrs. Falk, Morse, Sask. Mrs. Abram J. Toews, Herbert Mr. Abram J. Toews, Rosthern. Mrs. Janzen is the sister to Abram J. Toews and is still living in Rosthern, Sask.

2nd GenerationJohan Toews

born June 27, 1846
at Kleefeld, Russia
died Aug. 28, 1910
at Morse, Sask.
Cause of death: Stroke?
Age 64 yr., 2 mo. 1 da.
Occupation: Farming
Ch. affil.: Mennonite
Married to Aganetha Janzen on Oct. 12, 1868
in Russia
born Feb. 11, 1849
in Russia
died April 15, 1921
at Morse, Sask. on farm
of a stroke (?)
Age: 72 yr., 2 mo., 4 da.
Ch. affil.: Mennonite

3rd Generation - ChildrenJohan

born Dec. 1, 1869
in Russia
died Nov. 27, 1946
at Chilliwack, B. C.

Aganetha (Wiens)

born May 20, 1871
in Russia
died Feb. 28, 1949
at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Elizabeth

born Nov. 22, 1872
in Russia
died (in infancy) Dec.
25, 1873 in Russia

Heinrich

born April 24, 1874
in Russia
died Mar. 26, 1954
at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Peter

born Dec. 9, 1875
in Kleefeld, Russia
died Feb. 16, 1931
at Herbert, Sask.

Katharine (Dick)

born Aug. 27, 1877
at Kleefeld, S. Rus.
died July 24, 1959
at Rosthern, Sask.

Franz

born Jan. 27, 1879
at Henderson, Nebr.
died May 2, 1922
at Butterfield, Minn.

Jacob

born Dec. 6, 1880
at Henderson, Nebr.
died April 8, 1963
at Herbert, Sask.

Cornelius

born Sept. 1, 1882
at Henderson, Nebr.
died Sept. 28, 1942
at Henderson, Nebr.

Isaac

born Dec. 24, 1883
at Henderson, Nebr.
died Sept. 9, 1939
at Willowbrook, Cal.

Abram

born Dec. 5, 1885
at Henderson, Nebr.
died June 9, 1966
at Herbert, Sask.

Anna (Hiebert)

born July 18, 1887
at Henderson, Nebr.
still living June 17,
1966 at Henderson

Maria (Janzen)

born Jan. 6, 1887
at Henderson, Nebr.
still living at Ros-
thern, Sask., on
June 1, 1966

Benjamin

born June 12, 1890
at Henderson, Nebr.
still living at
Morse, Sask., on
June 1, 1966

Nicholas

born Sept. 18, 1891
at Butterfield, Minn.
died May 30, 1924
at Herbert, Sask.

Ernest (Aaron)

born July 7, 1893
at Springfield, S.D.
still living at
Morse, Sask.,
on June 1, 1966

This picture was taken in April 1921 when the family gathered for Grandmother's funeral. They are left to right, front row: Ernest, Marie (Janzen), Anna (Hiebert), Katherine (Dick), Aganetha (Wiens), and Henry. Back row: Ben, Abram, Isaac, Cornelius, Jacob and Peter. All have died except Ben, Ernest, Mrs. Janzen and Mrs. Hiebert. Ben and Ernest live near Morse, Sask., Mrs. Hiebert lives in Herbert and Mrs. Janzen in Waldheim, Sask. Mrs. Wiens and Henry are buried at Mt. Lake, Mrs. Dick at Rosthern and the rest at Herbert, Sask.



Mrs. Martens writes: This is the only picture I have of my grandmother, Mrs. Johan Toews, so I prize it highly. Grandmother is surrounded by ten of her eleven sons; my father, Henry, is missing. This picture was taken in 1919 when Uncle Frank and family visited there. They are from left to right: John, Peter, Frank, Ben, Jacob, Anna (Mrs. Hiebert), Cornelius, Abram, Ernest, Isaac and Claus, with grandmother sitting in front.



3rd GenerationJohn J. Toews

born Dec. 1, 1869
in Kleefeld, Russia
Died Nov. 27, 1946
of a stroke
at Chilliwack, B.C.
Age: 76 yrs., 11 mo., 26 days
Occupation: Farming
Ch. affil.: Always, Mennonite
Married to Anna Dick
on Dec. 2, 1889
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
born Aug. 29, 1878
in Russia
died Nov. 11, 1937
at Herbert, Saskatchewan
of cancer
Age: 78 yrs., 3 mo., 12 days
Ch. affil.: Always, Mennonite

4th Generation - ChildrenFranklin

born 1890
at Mountain Lake
died an infant
at Mountain Lake

John

born Oct. 10, 1891
at Butterfield, Minn.
died April 15, 1954
at Butterfield (?)

Frank

born Mar. 5, 1893
at Butterfield, Minn.
died Nov. 2, 1952
in Dallas, Oregon

William

born Oct. 1, 1895
at Butterfield, Minn.

Anna (Elias)

born Feb. 23, 1898
at Butterfield,
Minn., still liv-
ing (1967) at
Butterfield, Minn.

Nettie

born Dec. 25,
1910 at Herbert,
Sask.; died Sept.
4, 1964 at Chil-
liwack, B.C.

Selma

born Aug. 11, 1918
at Herbert, Sask.
died Apr. 19, 1948
in British Col.

4th GenerationJohn Toews

born Oct. 10, 1891
at Morse, Saskatchewan
died April 12, 1954
in British Columbia
cause of death (?)
Age: 62 yrs., 6 mo., 5 days
Occupation: Farming (later
perhaps something else)
Ch. affil.: Mennonite
Married to Nettie Dick (?)
on August 14, 1913
in Saskatchewan
born Jan. 16, 1895
at (?)
Address: British Columbia
Church affiliation: (?)

5th Generation - ChildrenEdward

born June 12, 1914
in Saskatchewan

Leonard

born June 26, 1915
in Saskatchewan

Franklin

born Dec. 17, 1917
in Saskatchewan

Edna

born Aug. 16, 1920
in Saskatchewan

Olga

born Sept. 4, 1922
in Saskatchewan

Marvin

born (?)
at (?)

Francis

born (?)
at (?)

5th GenerationEdward Toews

born June 12, 1914
in Saskatchewan
Address: (?)
Occupation: (?)
Church affiliation: (?)
Married to (?)
on (?)
at (?)
born (?) Died, Jan. 30, (?)
at (?)
Church affiliation: (?)

6th Generation

have two girls

5th GenerationLeonard Toews

born June 26, 1915
in Saskatchewan
Address: (?)
Occupation: (?)
Church affiliation: (?)
Married to (?)
on (?) at (?)
born (?) at (?)
Church affiliation: (?)
6th Generation - One boy

5th GenerationFranklin Toews

born Dec. 17, 1917
in Saskatchewan
Address (?) Occupation (?)
Church affiliation (?)
Married to (?)
on (?) at (?)
born (?) Died Sept. (?)
at (?) Ch. affil.: (?)
6th Generation - Children
(?)

5th GenerationEdna Toews

born Aug. 16, 1920
in Saskatchewan
Address (?)
Church affiliation (?)
Married to (?)
on (?)
at (?)
born (?)
at (?)
Occupation (?)
Church affiliation (?)

6th Generation - Children

?

5th GenerationOlga Toews

born Sept. 4, 1922
in Saskatchewan
Died April 4, 1924
in Saskatchewan

5th GenerationMarvin Toews - Francis Toews

born (?)
at Herbert, Sask.
died (?) near Herbert, Sask.

5th GenerationFrancis Toews

born (?) in Saskatchewan
Address (?)
Church affiliation (?)
Married to (?)
on (?) at (?)
born (?) at (?)
Occupation (?)
Church affiliation (?)

6th Generation

have 5 children (?????)

4th GenerationFrank Toews

born March 5, 1893
 at Canada
 died Nov. 2, 1959
 in Oregon
 Cause of death
 Age: 66 years, 7 months,
 28 days
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation: For-
 merly, Mennonite; later,
 Nazarene
 Married to Agnes Sawatzky
 on Aug. 31, 1916
 at
 born May 10, 1898
 at
 Address:
 Ch. affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; later, Naz-
 arene

5th Generation - ChildrenJacob

born March 20, 1918
 at (?)

Albert

born Dec. 1918
 at (?)
 died Sept. 22, 1920
 at (?)

John

born Jan. 31, 1921
 at (?)

Rueben

born March 26, 1922
 at (?)

5th GenerationJacob Toews

born March 20, 1918
 at
 Address:
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:
 Married to June
 on February 1, 1941
 at
 born
 at
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Child.Jacob

born Feb. 2, 1942
 at

Steven

born Aug. 22, 1945
 at

Frankie

born Feb. 3, 1947
 at

5th GenerationJohn Toews

born Jan. 31, 1921
 at
 Address:
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:
 Married to Wilma
 on Feb. 26, 1942
 at
 born
 at
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Child.Sandra

born Oct. 18, 1943
 at

John

born July 31, 1946
 at

Jackie

born Sept. 5, 1955
 at

6th GenerationSandra Toews

born Oct. 18, 1943
 at
 Address:
 Profession:
 Church affiliation:
 Married to
 on
 at
 born
 at
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:

7th Generation - Child.

a son

born July 21, 1963
 at

5th GenerationRueben Toews

born March 26, 1922
 at
 Address:
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:
 Married to
 on Sept. 1947
 at
 born
 at
 Profession:
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Child.Rodney

born Aug. 28, 1948
 at

Irene

born Nov. 17, 1950
 at

4th GenerationWilliam Toews

born Oct. 1, 1895
 at Butterfield, Minnesota
 Address: Herbert, Sask.
 Occupation: Custodian
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Sarah
 on July 7, 1918
 at Canada
 born Oct. 14, 1897
 at
 Church affiliation:

5th Generation - ChildrenAnna

born May 19, 1919
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 Occupation: Technician
 Church affil.: Mennonite

Mary

born August 10, 1921
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

John

born Feb. 28, 1926
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Esther

born Feb. 2, 1928
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Ruth

born May 16, 1933
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 Profession: Office worker
 Church affiliation: Menn.
 A twin brother to Ruth
 was stillborn

Another boy was stillborn
 on Feb. 8, 1942

5th GenerationMary Toews

born Aug. 10, 1921
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 Address:
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Abe Siemens
 on July 7, 1948
 at
 born April 22, 1909
 at
 Occupation:
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenEdwin

born Nov. 8, 1948
 at

Darlene

born Feb. 13, 1952
 at

5th GenerationJohn Toews

born Feb. 28, 1926
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 Address: Ontario, Can.
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:
 Married to Ann
 on Feb. 26, 1954
 at
 born Feb. 11, 1921
 at
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenJohnny

born Oct. 2, 1954
 at

5th GenerationEsther Toews

born Feb. 2, 1928
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 Address:
 Church affiliation:
 Married to Siemens
 on
 at
 born
 at
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenGerald

born Feb. 23, 1952
 at

4th Generation

Anna Toews
born Feb. 23, 1898
at Butterfield, Minn.
died Nov. , 1937
Age: 39 years, 9 months
Ch. affiliation:
Married to Henry Elias
on Dec. 8, 1918
at
born Aug. 16, 1894
at
died Feb. 4, 1953
at
Age: 59 years, 5 months,
19 days
Occupation:
Church affiliation:

5th Generation - Child.

Bertha
born Nov. 17, 1919
at

Albert
born June 15, 1922
at

Rosie
born Nov. 14, 1927
at
died Sept. , 1958
at

Walter
born Feb. 17, 1932
at

5th Generation

Bertha Elias
born Nov. 17, 1919
at
Address:
Ch. affiliation:
Married to Ed Dirks
on Aug. 25, 1940
at
born Nov. 11, 1914
at
Occupation:
Ch. affiliation:

6th Generation - Child.

Richard
born July 29, 1941
at

Kenneth
born May 12, 1943
at

Stanley
born June 20, 1944
at

Fred
born July 31, 1948
at

Robert
born Oct. 11, 1949
at

Judy
born April 26, 1951
at

5th Generation

Albert Elias
born June 15, 1922
at (?)
Address (?)
Occupation (?)
Church affil.; (?)
Married to Betty (?)
on Nov. 24, 1945
at (?)
born (?)
at (?)
Ch. affiliation (?)

6th Generation - Child.

Joan
born Sept. 22, 1947
at (?)

Judith
born Aug. 4, 1952
at (?)

5th Generation

Rosie Elias
born Nov. 14, 1927
at (?)
died Sept. 13, 1958
(car accident)
Age: 30 years, 10 months,
4 days
Church affiliation (?)
Married to Francis Skea
on May 3, 1947
at (?)
born (?)
at (?)
died Sept. 13, 1958
of car accident
Age (?)
Occupation (?)
Church affiliation (?)

6th Generation - Child.

Jakie
born June 25, 1948
at (?)

Raymond
born Oct. 27, 1949
at (?)

5th Generation

Walter Elias
born Feb. 17, 1932
at
Address:
Occupation:
Church affiliation:
Married to Elaine
on April 9, 1955
at
born April 6, 1932
at
Profession:
Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Child.

Lori
born Oct. 9, 1959
at
died March 18, 1960
Age: 5 months, 9 days

Jill Darlen
born Dec. 31, 1960
at

Murray
born Oct. 16, 1962
at

4th GenerationNettie Toews

born Dec. 25, 1910
 at Herbert, Sask.
 died Sept. 4, 1964
 at Vancouver, B. C.
 of a stroke
 Age: 53 years, 8 months,
 10 days
 Church affil.: (?)
 Married to John Dyck
 on July 19, 1930
 at (?)
 born April 6, 1900
 at (?)
 Address: Vancouver, B.C.
 Occupation: (?)
 Church affiliation: (?)

6th Generation - Child.Dorothy

born May 13, 1932
 at

Marian

born (?)
 at (?)

5th GenerationDorothy Dyck

born May 13, 1932
 at (?)
 Address: (?)
 Church affiliation (?)
 Married to Ed Duemo
 on Aug. 8, 1959
 at (?)
 born July 7, 1939
 at Halifax, Nova
 Scotia, Canada
 Occupation (?)
 Church affiliation (?)

6th Generation - Child.Dorothy

born Nov. 17, 1958
 at (?)

Clinton

born Feb. 12, 1961
 at (?)

Matthew

born July 25, 1964
 at (?)

4th GenerationSelma Toews

born Aug. 11, 1916
 at Herbert, Sask.
 died April 19, 1948
 at Vancouver, B. C.
 Age: 31 years, 9 months,
 8 days
 Cause of death (?)
 Church affiliation (?)
 Married to Martin Finnicks
 on June 14, 1957
 at (?)
 born Oct. 14, 1904
 died Dec. 1965
 at Penticton, B. C.
 Age: 61 years
 Occupation (?)
 Church affiliation (?)

5th Generation - Child.Jasper

born Nov. 1, 1932
 at (?)

Jean

born Nov. 11, 1934
 at (?)

5th GenerationJasper Finnicks

born Nov. 1, 1932
 at (?)
 Address (?)
 Occupation (?)
 Church affiliation (?)
 Married to Delores (?)
 on June 14, 1948
 at (?)
 born June 4, 1933
 at (?)
 Church affiliation (?)

6th Generation - Child.Glenn

born April 20, 1957
 at (?)

Craig

born June 15, 1958
 at (?)

5th GenerationJean Finnicks

born Nov. 11, 1934
 at (?)
 Address (?)
 Church affiliation (?)
 Married to Jay Wolkauskys
 on Dec. 14, 1956
 at (?)
 born Feb. 13, 1922
 at (?)
 Occupation (?)
 Church affiliation (?)

6th Generation - Child.Danny

born Aug. 24, 1952
 at (?)

Kim

born Nov. 26, 1959
 at (?)

Gina

born April 30, 1963
 at (?)

3rd Generation

Aganetha Toews
born May 20, 1871
in South Russia
died Feb. 28, 1949
in Mountain Lake, Minn.
of infirmities
Age: 78 years, 9 months,
8 days
Church affiliation:
Always, Mennonite
Married to David B. Wiens
on Jan. 16, 1898
in Mountain Lake, Minn.
born July 17, 1875
in South Russia
died Nov. 15, 1956
in Mountain Lake, Minn.
of asthma
Age: 81 years, 3 months,
28 days
Occupation: Mail carrier
Church affiliation:
Always, Mennonite

4th Generation - Children

Lisa
born Oct. 17, 1909
at Bingham Lake, Minn.
died Oct. 17, 1909
at Bingham Lake, Minn.

David D.
born Nov. 2, 1898
at Bingham Lake, Minn.

4th Generation

David D. Wiens
born Nov. 2, 1898
at Bingham Lake, Minn.
Address: Duluth, Minn.
Occupation: Northern
Pacific Railroad
Ch. affil.: Always,
Lutheran
Married to Ella Louise
Quade on Nov. 17, 1921
at Pipestone, Minn.
born April 28, 1901
at Storden, Minn.
Profession: Waitress
Ch. affil.: Always,
Lutheran,

5th Generation - Child.

Leotrice Nettie
born Sept. 10, 1922
at Graceville, Minn.

Allen David
born Jan. 14, 1926
at Jeffers, Minn.

Verdella Louise
born April 10, 1934
at Duluth, Minn.

Marvin Daniel
born Oct. 21, 1935
at Duluth, Minn.

5th Generation

Leotrice Nettie Wiens
born Sept. 10, 1922
at Graceville, Minn.
Address: Pinedale, Wyo.
Profession: Teacher
Ch. affil.: Always,
Lutheran
Married to George Andy
Lev on
at
born July 20, 1919
in United States
Occupation: Served in
United States Navy
1942-46
Ch. affil.: Episco-
palian

6th Generation - Child.

Trice Ann
born Oct. 28, 1952
at Jackson Hole, Wyo.

David George
born Dec. 30, 1955
at Rock Spring, Wyo.

Andy Thomas
born Sept. 27, 1959
at Rock Spring, Wyo.

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6th Generation - Child.
Kathy Marie born May 20,
1959 at Lincoln, Nebr.

5th Generation

Allen David Wiens
born Jan. 14, 1926
at Jeffers, Minnesota
Address: Duluth, Minn.
Occupation: Working for
Highway Department
Ch. affil.: Always,
Lutheran
Married to Louise Alice
Harvet on July 23, 1949
at Virginia, Minnesota
born July 7, 1926
at Ely, Minnesota
Ch. affil.: Formerly,
Catholic; now, Lutheran

6th Generation - Child.

Mark Allen
born March 25, 1955
at Duluth, Minnesota

Margo Alice
born August 3, 1964
at Duluth, Minnesota

5th Generation

Verdella Louise Wiens
born April 10, 1934
at Duluth, Minnesota
Address: Duluth, Minn.
Ch. affil.: Lutheran
Married to Donald Allen
Jacobson on Dec. 28, 1951
at Duluth, Minnesota
born May 27, 1931
at Duluth, Minnesota
Occupation: Printer (Mech.)
Ch. affil.: Not given

6th Generation - Child.

William Edward
born July 20, 1952
at Duluth, Minnesota

Virginia

born July 15, 1953
at Duluth, Minn.

Mary Louise

born Oct. 27, 1954
at Duluth, Minn.

Robert Allan

born May 24, 1956
at Duluth, Minn.

Jo Ann Carol

born May 4, 1957
at Duluth, Minn.

Susan Marie

born April 28, 1958
at Duluth, Minn.

Donna Mae

born Aug. 31, 1959
at Duluth, Minn.

Bruce Earl

born Oct. 13, 1960
at Duluth, Minn.

James Herbert

born Oct. 25, 1961
at Duluth, Minn.

5th Generation

Marvin Daniel Wiens
born Oct. 21, 1935
at Duluth, Minnesota
Address: Lincoln, Nebr.
Occup.: Cushman Motors
Ch. affil.: Always,
Lutheran
Married to Doris Jean
Coffey on July 5, 1958
at
born Nov. 11, 1936
at Phillys, Nebraska
Profession: Teaching
Ch. affil.: Always,
Lutheran

* see center column

3rd GenerationHenry J. Toews

born April 24, 1874
in Kleefeld, S. Russia
died March 26, 1954
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
of pneumonia
Age: 79 years, 11 months,
2 days

Occupation: Farming
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite

Married to Helena Falk
on Oct. 25, 1898
at Butterfield, Minn.
born Feb. 2, 1871
in Schoentahl, S. Russia
died April 6, 1938
at Butterfield, Minn.
of heart condition
Age: 67 years, 2 months,
4 days
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite

4th Generation - Child.Helena and Henry (twins)

born July 20, 1899
at Butterfield, Minn.
Helena died Mar. 17, 1916
at Butterfield, Minnesota
of pneumonia
Age: 16 years, 7 months,
25 days

Ch. affil.: Mennonite
David H.

born July 14, 1902
at Butterfield, Minn.

John

born Jan. 31, 1904
at Butterfield, Minn.
died Dec. 10, 1959
at Fairbault, Minn.
of pneumonia

Age: 55 years, 10 months,
10 days. Ch. affil.: Menn.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Toews.
They were members of the Mountain
Lake First Mennonite Church
(Gen. Conf.). They are both bur-
ied in the Mountain Lake Cemetery.

Agnes

born March 8, 1906
at Butterfield, Minnesota

Peter H.

born July 26, 1908
at Butterfield, Minnesota

Cathryn

born Aug. 1, 1911
at Butterfield, Minnesota

4th GenerationHenry H. Toews

born July 20, 1899
at Butterfield, Minn.
Address: Mankato, Minn.
Occup.: Implement Dealer
Ch. affil.: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, Methodist
Married to Marie Harder
on June 14, 1925
at Butterfield, Minn.
born May 26, 1903
at Butterfield, Minn.
Ch. affil.: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, Meth.

5th Generation - Child.Alquinn La Dore

born March 20, 1927
at St. James, Minnesota



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Toews
in front of their home in
Mankato, Minnesota



Mr. Toews and Mr. Mehr, his business
associate. This picture was taken in
connection with getting an outstand-
ing award for dealership. See also
accompanying article.



Tractors lined up for display in
front of his large implement busi-
ness. Mr. Toews has a large stock
of International Harvester imple-
ments on hand.

Toews-Mehr Awarded Winning Dealership

The following article is taken from the "Farm and Power Equipment," June 1959. Mr. Toews is a 4th generation Toews, his grandfather was Johan Toews, a son of the original Peter Toews. Henry Toews lives in Mankato, Minnesota, and his business is located on one of the main streets of the city.

Mankato has a population of 25,000 and is in the middle of one of the finest agricultural areas. To locate here, I suppose, again proves that our Minnesota Toews ancestors were wise people. The Mountain Lake, Butterfield, and Mankato vicinities have many fine Toews homes and farms.

Here is what the magazine had to say:

Who are Hub and Henry? Hub is Hubert J. Mehr and Henry's full name is Henry Toews. Together they own and operate Toews-Mehr Implement Co., which has the International Harvester dealership at Mankato, Minnesota. Their company won the Brand Name Retailer dealership award for 1958.

Each year the Brand Names Foundation, Inc., of New York City, a nonprofit organization sponsored by manufacturers, advertising media, magazines and newspaper representatives, advertising agencies and service organizations, selects a Brand Name winner from each of 26 retail categories. A top award is presented to one retailer in each category and runner-up certificates of distinction are presented to four more. This year presentations were made at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on April 15.

Actually what the judges thought when making this award is not as important as what customers think - that's where good merchandising really pays off. Toews-Mehr is proud of its award but the firm is even prouder of customer acceptance of the policies which resulted in the honor. This acceptance was spontaneously expressed in a letter received in mid-December of 1958, months before even Toews-Mehr's intentions of competing for the Brand Name award were known. This letter said:

Dear Henry and Hubert:

Ever since you incorporated some years ago there has been a constant urge within me to let you know how I enjoy doing business with you and why.

First of all, there is that human interest attitude you take in my varied personal problems and achievements (if any) and the businesslike method of

closing all transactions. In fact, hats off to your entire personnel. Next, of course, is the reliable service you tender me (other acquaintances also) when repairs and adjustments need be made. Seems to me you have a sound and fair credit policy. Those monthly statements keep me up to date on my payments (sometimes arrears). Right now, I want to thank you for tolerance in granting me brief credit extensions.

I also want to commend you on the orderly and clean appearance of your business establishment. No favors are sought from these expressions, and here's wishing you both continued success and growth in your enterprise.

Henry Toews and Hubert Mehr are both former employees of International Harvester Company and the dealership they now operate was once a company store. In 1943, with each having 16 years of Harvester experience, they purchased from Harvester the McCormick Deering store which Henry then managed. The new firm operated in the old company store building until 1948, then built and moved into the present modern building pictured on the cover of this issue. (See pictures)

5th Generation

Alquinn La Dore Toews

born Mar. 20, 1927
at St. James, Minn.
Address: Rochester, Minn.
Occupation: Chaplain
Church affil.: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, Methodist
Married to Marie Antoinette
King on June 2, 1948

at Mankato, Minnesota
born June 15, 1927
at Mankato, Minnesota
Ch. affil.: Always, Meth.

6th Generation - Children

Jeanne Marie

born Nov. 15, 1949
at Mankato, Minnesota

Richard Henry

born Aug. 20, 1957
at Mankato, Minnesota

Annette Marie

born Aug. 21, 1961
at Ann Arbor, Michigan



Al, Marie, Jeanne
and Richard Toews

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Toews, Chaplain at Rochester Meth. Hosp., Rochester, Minn. Graduated from Garrett Biblical Seminary, Chicago. Minister at Spring Valley, Minn. for 2 years and 2 years at Osseo, Minn. One and a half years training at the university of Ann Arbor, Mich. as an accredited chaplain.

(The following is taken from the Rochester Methodist Hospital News.)

What Do You See? by Resident Chaplain Alquinn L. Toews

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness." These were the words, recorded in Matthew 6:22-23, which Jesus spoke to the crowd who heard him deliver the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus valued the human eye as well as the other parts of the body. His experiences with people in need on healing testify to his respect for the physical part of man. However, as Jesus was uttering these words we can catch a glimpse that His mind was including far more than the physical eye alone. As Jesus was speaking to the crowd He was concerned about the eye symbolizing man's soul. This is the lamp of our spiritual lives.

The eye is made for the purpose of seeing. Jesus wanted us to see not only our physical surroundings, but also our own inward spiritual surroundings. Self-observation is a key to Christian living. Jesus asked the rich young ruler to become aware of his purpose in life. Likewise He called His apostles and the Gerasene Demoniac. Jesus also calls you and me. What are we looking at and seeing? What have we placed before our eyes as that which we want to see? Is our vision sound and are we filled with light?

The eye is the channel through which we become aware of our greater selves. Let us follow the mind of Jesus as He spoke, and see our inner goals and purposes. Only as we dare to look at ourselves do we see our own inadequacy and become aware of the adequacy of the God whom we love and serve.

4th Generation

David H. Toews

born June 14, 1902

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Address: Butterfield, Minn.

Occupation: Farmer

Ch. affil.: Always,

Mennonite

Married to Frieda Elizabeth

Quiring on June 14, 1948

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

born March 8, 1911

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

Rowena Dineen

born March 1, 1949

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Prof.: Student at present

Church affil.: Mennonite

4th Generation

Agnes Toews

born March 8, 1906

at Butterfield, Minn.

Address: Mountain Lake, Minn.

Church affil.: Always, Menn.

Married to Frank P. Martens

on June 19, 1927

at Butterfield, Minnesota

born May 16, 1895

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Died Nov. 26, 1956

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

of multiple myeloma

Age: 61 years, 6 months,

10 days

Occupation: Employed

Ch. affil.: Always, Mennonite



Mr. and Mrs. David H. Toews and their daughter Rowena Dinsen. This picture was taken in front of their house on one of our visits gathering family material. David's family belongs to the Butterfield Church about a mile north. He teaches Sunday School there.

5th Generation - Children

D. James

born March 2, 1932

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Richard Frank

born Nov. 1, 1947

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Occupation: Present, student

Church affil.: Mennonite

5th Generation

D. James Martens

born March 2, 1932
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
Address: Winona, Minn.
Occupation: Teaching
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite

Married to Kathleen
Elizabeth Dick

on June 14, 1963
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
born July 13, 1940
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
Profession: Organ and
piano teacher
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite

6th Generation - Child.

Randell James

born March 10, 1964
at Winona, Minnesota
Michael Peter
born Nov. 22, 1966
at Winona, Minnesota

In the fall, following my graduation from college, I entered my teaching career at the Gaylord Community Schools, Gaylord, Minn. During my three years at Gaylord, I taught a rather varied list of subjects: Junior High Geography, History, English, Mathematics, Science and Senior High German.

My teaching career was interrupted in the summer of 1957 when I was drafted into the service for a period of two years. During this period I served as a Medical Technician in the Army Medical Corps. I have always considered this experience extremely interesting and rewarding, especially during the time I was privileged to work with the mentally disturbed.

After my discharge from the Service I accepted a teaching position with the Winona Public Schools, Winona, Minn., at which I am now serving.

While teaching at Winona I dated a home town girl. On June 14, 1963 Kathleen Dick and I exchanged our marriage vows in our church at Mountain Lake. We have since purchased a home, and we, together with our 1½ year old son, Randall James, now call Winona our "home." Besides fulfilling her responsibilities of housewife and mother, Kathy also teaches a number of piano students in our home.

This letter is written by D. James Martens, son of Frank P. and Agnes (Toews) Martens. Mrs. Martens has been a tremendous help in gathering the Johan Toews family information. Her son writes the following:

Having been born and raised in Mountain Lake, Minn., I was baptized upon confession of faith at 16 years of age, and entered into membership of the First Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake. In the fall of 1950, following my graduation from the Mt. Lake public schools, I enrolled at Mankato College, Mankato, Minn. Following four years of study I received my Bachelor of Science degree, having majored in Social Studies, with minors in History and German. I count it a privilege to have worked my way through school during these four years, being employed by the Buhler Construction Company of Butterfield, Minn.

After attending summer school over a period of five years at Mankato State and Winona State Colleges, I received my Master of Science degree, majoring in History, from Mankato State College in the summer of 1965.

We truly feel that the Lord has blessed us greatly. We thoroughly enjoy the privilege of serving Him in this community, and in the First Baptist Church which we attend here in Winona. We shall continue to look to His guidance, as we read in Proverbs 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

4th Generation

Peter H. Toews

born July 26, 1908
at Butterfield, Minnesota
Address: Butterfield, Minnesota
Occupation: Farmer and Milk
Delivery
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite
Married to Marie Stoesz
on Sept. 14, 1934
at Butterfield, Minnesota
born Oct. 5, 1911
at Butterfield, Minnesota
Church affiliation: Always,
Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

Kermit Peter

born July 13, 1935
at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
Church affiliation: Mennonite

Angela Mary

born March 2, 1940
at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Karen Kay

born Jan. 2, 1944
at Lamberton, Minnesota
Profession: I.B.M. Secretary
Church affiliation: Mennonite

5th Generation

Angela Mary Toews

born March 2, 1940
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
Address: Rochester, Minn.
Profession: Elementary teacher
Church affil.: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, Evangelical
Free Church
Married to Raymond Wiens
on June 15, 1963
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
Occupation: Laboratory
Technician
Church affil.: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, Evangelical
Free Church

6th Generation - Children

Kayla Marie

born Nov. 16, 1966
at Rochester, Minnesota

5th GenerationKaren Kay Toews

born Jan. 2, 1944

at Lamberton, Minnesota

Address: Rochester, Minnesota

Profession: I.B.M. Secretary

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; now, Evangelical

Free Church

Married to Larry Padgett

on Aug. 7, 1965

at Mankato, Minnesota

born April 20, 1944

at Kasota, Minnesota

Occupation: I.B.M. Mechanic

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Lutheran; now, Evangelical

Free Church

6th Generation - ChildrenDenny Jay

born Jan. 15, 1966

at Rochester, Minnesota

4th GenerationCathryn Toews

born Aug. 1, 1911

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Address: Oakland, Calif.

Profession: Bookkeeping

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; now, Methodist

Married to Theodore L. Sandbe

on Nov. 22, 1962

at Carmel, California

born Dec. 26, 1898

at San Francisco, Calif.

Occupation: Accountant

Church affiliation: Formerly,

none; now, Methodist

3rd GenerationKatharina Toews

born Aug. 27, 1877

in Kleefeld, S. Russia ??

died July 24, 1959

at Rosthern, Saskatchewan

of cancer

Age: 82 years, 1 month, 3 days

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

Married to George J. Dick

on Dec. 15, 1907

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

born Nov. 12, 1878

at Henderson, Nebraska

Address: Waldheim, Sask.

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

4th Generation - ChildrenDaniel

born Oct. 12, 1908

at Main Centre, Saskatchewan

George

born Nov. 18, 1911

at Main Centre, Saskatchewan

4th GenerationDaniel Dick

born Oct. 12, 1908

at Main Centre, Sask.

Address: Winnipeg, Man.

Occupation: Maintenance Man

Church affiliation: Mennonite

Married to Martha Bartel

on Oct. 9, 1931

at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

born Jan. 2, 1911

at Waldheim, Saskatchewan

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenWilbert

born Oct. 9, 1941

at

4th Generation

George Dick, Jr.
born Nov. 18, 1911
at Main Centre, Sask.
Address: Edmonton, Alberta
5337 - 111 Ave.
Occupation: Salesman
Church affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, Christian and
Missionary Alliance
Married to Martha Heinrichs
on Nov. 13, 1932
at Waldheim, Sask., in the
Bruterthal Church
born Feb. 27, 1909
at Goteba, Oklahoma
Church affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, Christian and
Missionary Alliance

5th Generation - Children

Evelyn
born July 28, 1937
at Saskatoon, Sask.

Melvin
born April 25, 1939
at Saskatoon, Sask.

Beverly
born Dec. 19, 1945
at Calgary, Alberta

5th Generation

Evelyn Dick
born July 26, 1937
at Saskatoon, Sask.
Address: Edmonton, Alberta
Church affiliation:
Profession: Stenographer and
accountant
Married to Marvin Jacobs
on
at
born
at
Occupation: Salesman
Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Linda Gale
born Aug. 21, 1958
at Edmonton, Alberta

Timothy Vaughan
born May 13, 1960
at Edmonton, Alberta

5th Generation

Melvin Dick
born April 25, 1939
at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Address: Edmonton, Alberta
Occupation: Minister of the
Gospel
Church affiliation:
Married to
on
at
born
at
Profession:
Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Terence George
born July 1, 1964
at Mirror, Alberta

Tamara Jay
born April 22, 1966
at Edmonton, Alberta

5th Generation

Beverly Dick
born Dec. 19, 1945
at Calgary, Alberta
Address: Edmonton, Alberta
Profession: Secretary
Church affiliation:
Married to Bill White
on
at
born
at
Occupation: Parts man
Church affiliation:

6th Generation - Children

Wendy Anne
born June 9, 1965
at Edmonton, Alberta

3rd Generation

Frank Toews
 born Jan. 27, 1879
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died May 2, 1922 of cancer
 at Butterfield, Minnesota
 Age: 43 years, 3 months,
 8 days
 Occupation: Harness Maker
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; later, Catholic
 Married to Marie Gusta
Diedrichs on Nov. 20, 1908
 at Butterfield, Minnesota
 born March 20, 1883
 at Latehead??, Russia
 Died Nov. 30, 1960 of
 old age
 at Fairmont, Minnesota
 Age: 77 years, 8 months,
 10 days
 Profession: Telephone
 Operator
 Church affil.: Always,
 Catholic

4th Generation - Children

Frances Marie
 born Sept. 20, 1909
 at Butterfield, Minnesota

Ernest James
 born June 23, 1915
 at Butterfield, Minnesota

4th Generation

Frances Marie Toews
 born Sept. 20, 1909
 at Butterfield, Minn.
 Address: Mountain Lake,
 Minnesota
 Ch. affil.: Formerly,
 Catholic; now, none
 Married to Benjamin J.
Falk
 on April 10, 1928
 at St. James, Minn.
 born June 12, 1901
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Occupation: Farming
 Ch. affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, none

5th Generation - Child.

Dee Lorys Marie
 born March 7, 1930
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.

5th Generation

Dee Lorys Marie Falk
 born Jan. 7, 1930
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Address: Butterfield,
 Minnesota
 Ch. affil.: Always,
 Lutheran
 Married to Arthur
Schultz
 on June 30, 1950
 at Darfur, Minnesota
 born Aug. 15, 1919
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Occupation: Farming
 Ch. affil.: Always,
 Lutheran

6th Generation - Child.

Thomas Arthur
 born July 21, 1951
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Present occup.: Student

Elizabeth Marie
 born May 27, 1954
 at Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Present occup.: Student

4th Generation

Earnest James Toews
 born June 23, 1915
 at Butterfield, Minn.
 Occupation: Telegrapher
 Ch. affil.: Formerly,
 Catholic; now, Lutheran
 Married to Elaine Gall
on Sept. 26, 1940
 at Walnut Grove, Minn.
 born Sept. 3, 1918
 at Sanborn, Minn.
 Ch. affil.: Always,
 Lutheran

5th Generation - Child.

Andrea Leslie
 born Nov. 20, 1942
 at Owatonna, Minnesota

6th Generation

Andrea Leslie Toews
 born Nov. 20, 1942
 at Owatonna, Minn.
 Address: Owatonna, Minn.
 Ch. affil.: Always,
 Lutheran
 Married to David
Stockwell
 on Oct. 27, 1962
 at Owatonna, Minn.
 born Feb. 23, 1940
 at Owatonna, Minn.
 Occupation: Machinist
 Ch. affil.: Always,
 Lutheran

3rd GenerationJacob J. Toews

born Dec. 6, 1880
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died April 8, 1963
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 of old age infirmities
 Age: 82 years, 4 months, 2 days
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Maria Sawatzky
 on Jan. 29, 1910
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 born July 14, 1887
 at Butterfield, Minnesota
 Died Jan. 25, 1956
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 of cancer
 Age: 48 years, 5 months, 11 days
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

4th Generation - ChildrenArthur

born Dec. 3, 1911
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

Marie
 born May 31, 1913
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 died June 6, 1913
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

Luella

born July 23, 1917
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

John

born Sept. 30, 1924
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

Susan

born July 7, 1926
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 died Oct. 22, 1941
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Occupation: Student
 Ch. affil.: Mennonite

4th GenerationArthur Toews

born Dec. 3, 1911
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: Clearbrook, B. C.
 Occupation: Employed
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Justina Gerbrandt
 on July 7, 1936
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 born June 7, 1915
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenElvin Jacob

born Sept. 19, 1938
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Lois Maria

born Dec. 17, 1940
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Harry Arthur

born Jan. 14, 1943
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Keith John

born Aug. 20, 1949
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Dorris Ann

born April 10, 1954
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Loren Terry

born April 20, 1958
 at Swift Current, Sask.

5th GenerationElvin Toews

born Sept. 19, 1938
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 Address: Gravelbourg, Sask.
 Occupation: Employed
 Church affiliation: United
 Church of Canada
 Married to Lois Arnold
 on Nov. 20, 1959
 at Shamrock, Saskatchewan
 born July 16, 1939
 at Shamrock, Saskatchewan
 Church affiliation: United
 Church of Canada

6th Generation - ChildrenAudrey Yvonne

born Aug. 20, 1960
 at Gravelbourg, Sask.

Lyle Francis Elvin

born Feb. 26, 1962
 at Gravelbourg, Sask.

5th GenerationLois Maria Toews

born Dec. 17, 1940
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: Abbotsford, B. C.
 Church affiliation: Mennonite
 Married to Allen Priebe
 on July 7, 1962
 at Abbotsford, B. C.
 born July 2, 1940
 at Abbotsford, B. C.
 Occupation: Employed
 Church affiliation:

4th GenerationLuella Toews

born July 23, 1917
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: Morse, Sask.
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Evangelical
 Free Church
 Married to Abram Falk
 on April 10, 1938
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 born July 17, 1914
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Evangelical
 Free Church

5th Generation - ChildrenNorma Kathryn

born Dec. 29, 1941
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Donna Maria

born April 6, 1948
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Gail Luella

born Dec. 30, 1950
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

4th GenerationJohn Toews

born Sept. 30, 1924
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: Herbert, Sask.
 Occupation: Employed
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, United
 Church of Canada
 Married to Lilly Dyck
 on Nov. 20, 1948
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 born June 23, 1926
 at Plum Coulee, Manitoba
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, United Church
 of Canada

5th Generation - ChildrenKenneth John

born Dec. 15, 1949
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Allen Francis

born Sept. 30, 1950
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

Glennis Annette

born Feb. 18, 1956
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan

3rd GenerationIsaac Toews

born Dec. 24, 1883
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 died Sept. 9, 1939
 at Willowbrook, California
 Age: 55 years, 8 months, 16 days
 Occupation: Lumber Business
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; later, not known
 Married to Gertrude Rempel
 on Dec. 27, 1911
 at Watonwan County, Minn.
 born June 28, 1886
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite
 Address: Dallas, Oregon
 (Now married to Jacob Janzen
 of the Maria (Toews) Janzen
 family, #5)

4th Generation - ChildrenHarry

born July 19, 1913
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

Alma

born June 7, 1916
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

Gladys

born March 21, 1923
 at Willowbrook, Calif.

4th GenerationHarry Toews

born July 19, 1913
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: 1410 24th Ave.,
 Longview, Wash.
 Occupation:
 Church affiliation: None

Married to Pauline Halstead

on Dec. 4, 1936
 at Longview, Washington
 born
 at Longview, Washington
 Profession:
 Church affiliation: None

5th Generation - Children

No children

4th Generation

Alma Toews
born June 7, 1916
at Morse, Saskatchewan
Address: Martinez, Calif. (?)
Profession:
Church affiliation: None
Married to Kenneth McKinley
on May 15, 1938
in California
born Aug. 28, 1909
at
Occupation:
Church affiliation: None

5th Generation - Children

Clara Ann
born Nov. 20, 1938
at Martinez, California

Derol
born Sept. 15, 1944
at Martinez, California

5th Generation

Clara Ann McKinley
born Nov. 20, 1938
at Martinez, California
Address: Atwater, California
1274 Lay
Church affiliation: None
Married to Bob Ward
on
at
born
at
Occupation:
Church affiliation: None

6th Generation - Children

Randy
born Nov. 9, 1962
at Merced, California

5th Generation

Darol McKinley
born Sept. 15, 1944
at Martinez, California
Address: 9481 W. Liberty Ave.
Atwater, California 95301
Occupation:
Church affiliation:
Married to
on
at
born
at
Church affiliation:

4th Generation

Gladys Toews
born March 21, 1923
at Compton, Calif.
Address: 1147 Memory Lane,
Santa Anna, Calif.
Church affiliation: None
Married to William Curtis
Tunstall on Nov. 9, 1962
at
born Dec. 31, 1910
at St. Paul, Minnesota
Occupation:
Church affiliation: None

No children

3rd GenerationAbraham J. Toews

born Dec. 5, 1885

at Henderson, Nebr.

Address: Herbert, Sask.

Occupation: Retired farmer

Church affil.: Always,

Mennonite

Married to Elizabeth Sawatzky

on Jan. 8, 1914

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

born March 2, 1892

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

Died at Herbert, Sask.
on June 9, 1966Mr. and Mrs. Abram J. Toews4th Generation - ChildrenSusan

born Jan. 12, 1917

at Morse, Saskatchewan

Doris

born March 19, 1924

at Morse, Saskatchewan

In later years it has been our good fortune to get acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Abram J. Toews. They attended the Toewsfest on June 24 and 25 in 1961 in Steinbach, and then again, Mrs. Toews and I spent a few days in their home in Herbert in 1965, while gathering material for this book.

Uncle Abram drove his car to show us the places of importance in his life. We saw the homestead, school and his brothers' homes, Ben and Ernest, on the farm and in Morse. This picture was taken in front of their house in Herbert before riding into the country. When we took the picture in 1965 we did not realize that he would be gone so soon.

Abram J. Toews' First House

Abram's uncle, Abram W. Toews, homesteaded in the Herbert area in 1905. Three of Johan Toews' children, Abram, Katharina (Dick) and Peter, came in the fall of 1906. The father with the rest of the children stayed in Butterfield until the next year to dispose of his goods.

When Saskatchewan became a province in 1905 huge areas were opened for homesteads and all they had to pay for 160 acres was \$10.00 for the title. With a tremendous and immediate influx of settlers, station after station was opened up along the C. P. R. which had been completed from coast to coast in 1885, Herbert became a good-sized town overnight.

On his homestead about 5 miles northeast of Herbert, Abram, then only 21, built this shack and batched here on a vast, lonely and awesome prairie. It is now used as a henhouse on his former farm.



Abram J. Toews' Later Farmhouse

After proving to the government that they, Abram and his brothers, were worthy, industrious and dependable settlers they were given ownership of their 160 acres as a reward for their indefatigable courage, labors and aims. After this success Abram established his own home and in time built this beautiful home-stand. It was also in this place that the early Mennonite settlers gathered for their Sunday morning worship services.



Toews Brothers and Sisters

In later years Abram Toews and his brothers and wives often got together to reminisce. Mrs. Toews and I shared one such get-together and found it most fascinating. In this picture, at one such meeting, are:

Front row, from left to right -
 Maria Toews Janzen
 Anna Toews Hiebert
 Katharina Toews Dick
 Back row, from left to right -
 Jake Toews
 Abram Toews
 Bernhard Toews
 Aaron Toews



The Schoolhouse

This is the schoolhouse where the Ben Toews, Abram Toews and Jacob Toews children attended. The teacher usually boarded at Ben Toews's home for \$9.50 a month. For a year teachers got \$150.00 in cash and a note for the balance.

Herbert to the west and Morse to the east, in those early carless days, were far away. Taking the children to school in deep snow and cold weather, was quite a chore. The school, though, was in many ways the center of the community, especially at Christmas and other religious and patriotic seasons. Abram Toews related these school activities with considerable feelings.

4th Generation

Susan Toews
 born Jan. 12, 1917
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: Morse, Sask.
 Church affiliation:
 Always; Mennonite
 Married to Henry Petkau
 on Nov. 23, 1941
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 born Nov. 23, 1912
 at Blumenfeld, Russia
 Occupation: Farmer
 Ch. affil.: Always,
 Mennonite

4th Generation

Doris Toews
 born Mar. 19, 1924
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: Morse, Sask.
 Church affiliation:
 Always, Mennonite
 Married to Bernhard
Andres on July 1, 1951
 at Herbert, Saskatchewan
 born June 8, 1926
 at Nickolaifeld, Russia
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation:
 Always, Mennonite

5th Generation - Child.

Donald Ian
 born August 11, 1956
 at Swift Current, Sask.

3rd Generation

Anna Toews
 born July 18, 1887
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 Address: Herbert, Sask.
 Church affiliation:
 Always with the General
 Conference Mennonite
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Married to Jacob Hiebert
 on Jan. 16, 1916
 at Herbert, Sask.
 born July 8, 1890
 at Langham, N. Dak.
 died Oct. 30, 1965
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Age: 75 years, 3 months,
 22 days
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation:
 Always, General Confer-
 ence Mennonite at Her-
 bert, Saskatchewan

4th Generation - Child.

Andy Jay
 born Nov. 12, 1916
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

Almin
 born July 4, 1918
 at Morse, Saskatchewan

4th Generation

Andy Hiebert
 born Nov. 12, 1916
 at Morse, Sask.
 Address: Peace River,
 Alberta
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation:
 Formerly, Mennonite;
 now, Jehovah Witness
 Married to Freda Jean
Saunders in 1947, July
 22 at Herbert, Sask.
 born July 11, 1922
 at Pense, Sask.
 Church affiliation:
 Jehovah Witness

5th Generation - Child.

Judith Lyn
 born Sept. 3, 1949
 at Swift Current, Sask.

Brenda Joyce
 born March 25, 1955
 at Herbert, Sask.

Lyle Bruce
 born Aug. 9, 1959
 at Herbert, Sask.

4th Generation

Almin Hiebert
 born July 4, 1918
 at Morse, Sask.
 Address: 539-30 N.W.
 Calgary, Alta., Can.
 Occupation: Auto Body
 Work
 Church affiliation:
 Before marriage, Menno-
 nite; after marriage,
 Catholic
 Married to Helen Caron
 on June 15, 1946
 at Calgary, Alberta
 born Nov. 20, 1925
 at Lac La Biche, Alta.
 Church affiliation:
 Always, Catholic

5th Generation - Child.

Robert Allen
 born April 28, 1948
 at Calgary, Alberta

Leslie Leonard
 born Jan. 29, 1954
 at Calgary, Alberta

Kathleen Ann
 born June 2, 1962
 at Calgary, Alberta

3rd GenerationMaria Toews

born Jan. 6, 1889
 at Henderson, Nebr.
 Address: Waldheim, Sask.
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Peter J. Janzen
 on Sept. 22, 1907
 at Butterfield, Minnesota
 born Mar. 26, 1885
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 died June 3, 1957
 at Waldheim, Saskatchewan
 Age: 73 years, 2 months,
 7 days
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

4th Generation - ChildrenLeonard

born Oct. 4, 1909
 at Morse, Sask.

Walter

born Oct. 5, 1911
 at Morse, Sask.

Elmer

born Mar. 26, 1914
 at Morse, Sask.

Clarence C.

born Dec. 14, 1917
 at Hepburn, Sask.
 died Jan. 28, 1918
 at

Leslie R.

born Jan. 6, 1920
 at Waldheim, Sask.
 died Dec. 18, 1944
 at

Peter J. Janzen was baptized
 in the spring of 1906 by Rev.
 George Neufeld in the First
 Mennonite Church at Mountain
 Lake. He was married to
 Maria Toews of Butterfield
 by Rev. Gerhard Fast. Maria
 Toews was baptized in the
 First Mennonite Church in
 Mountain Lake in the spring
 of 1907 by Rev. Gerhard Neu-
 feld.

Melvin W.

born Aug. 26, 1923
 at Morse, Sask.

Vivian Josephine

born Mar. 18, 1929
 at Bladworth, Sask.
 died April 3, 1932
 at

4th GenerationLeonard Janzen

born Oct. 4, 1909
 at Morse, Sask.
 Address: St. Andrews College,
 Saskatoon, Sask.
 Occupation: Custodian
 Church affil.: Mennonite
 Married to Annie Rempel
 on Oct. 21, 1934
 at Laird, Sask.
 born May 10, 1913
 at Laird, Sask.
 Church affil.: Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenAlvin

born July 15, 1935
 at Waldheim, Sask.

Donald

born Jan. 13, 1940
 at Waldheim, Sask.

5th GenerationAlvin Janzen

born July 15, 1935
 at Waldheim, Sask.
 Address: Lansdowne House,
 Ontario, Canada (via Nankoa)
 Occupation: Weather Forecaster,
 Weather Station
 Church affiliation:
 Married to Ethel Findall
 on Oct. 1, 1959
 at
 born
 at
 Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenTammy Lynn

born June 13, 1963
 at Lansdowne House, Ontario

Debbie Anne

born Jan. 15, 1965
 at Saskatoon, Sask.
 (Her twin sister was stillborn)

St. Andrews College
 (United Church Seminary)
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
 Where Leonard is the
 custodian. The writer of
 these lines attended here
 2 years.

5th GenerationDonald Janzen

born June 13, 1940

at Waldheim, Sask.

Address: Fort St. John, B. C.

Occupation:

Church affiliation:

Married to Eileen Bridle

on Feb. 27, 1960

at

born

at

Profession:

Church affiliation:

6th Generation - ChildrenRobert Alvin

born Sept. 25, 1960

at Meadow Lake, Sask.

Wesley Donald

born Oct. 9, 1961

at Meadow Lake, Sask.

Terry Lee

born July 7, 1963

at Meadow Lake, Sask.

4th GenerationWalter Janzen

born Oct. 5, 1911

at Morse, Sask.

Address: (Waldheim, Sask.) now

501 Ave. W, N., Saskatoon, Sask.

Church affiliation: Always

Zoar Mennonite at Waldheim

Married to Florence Marie Nickel

on Oct. 4, 1936 (by Rev. John

Zacharias) at Waldheim, Sask.

(Zoar Church)

born March 1,

at

Ch. affil.: Always, Zoar Mennonite, Waldheim, Sask.

5th Generation - ChildrenCarol Ann

born May 29, 1940

at Waldheim, Sask.

Occupation: Teach. at Aldergrove,

Ward Ross and Grant Dale /B.C.

born June 1, 1946 (twins)

at Saskatoon, Sask.

Occupation at present: Both

are college students at Mount

Royal Collegiate, Saskatoon, Sask.

4th GenerationElmer J. Janzen

born March 26, 1914

at Morse, Sask.

Address: Waldheim, Sask.

Occupation: Road Maintenance

Church affiliation: None before

marriage; Grace Menn.

Church of Waldheim, Sask.,

after marriage

Married to Elsie Schellenberg

on Nov. 7, 1943

at Waldheim, Sask.

born Dec. 19, 1923

at Rosthern, Sask.

Church affil.: Before marriage,

none; after marriage, Grace

Mennonite Church at Waldheim,

Sask.

5th Generation - ChildrenVictoria Leslie

born May 24, 1945

at Waldheim, Sask.

Connie Lynne

born Jan. 10, 1948

at Waldheim, Sask.

Fern Anne

born March 17, 1954

at Waldheim, Sask.

On the left we have Donald and Eileen with their boys, Robert (5), Wesley (4), Terry (2).

On the right we have these three little gentlemen. I'm sure everyone belonging to this book will appreciate this picture. Congratulations!

5th GenerationVictoria Leslie Janzen

born May 24, 1945

at Waldheim, Sask.

Address: 549 4th Ave.

Saskatoon, Sask.

Profession: School Teacher

Church affil.: None given

Married to Elmer R. Gossen

on April 17, 1965

at Waldheim, Sask.

born

at

Occupation:

Church affil.: Not given

6th Generation - ChildrenLeslie Hope

born Nov. 13, 1965

at Saskatoon, Sask.

4th GenerationMelvin W. Janzen

born Aug. 26, 1923

at Waldheim, Sask.

Address: Edmonton, Alberta

Occupation:

Church affil.: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, United Church
of CanadaMarried to Agnes Somerfeld

on Nov. 15, 1946

at Erwood, Sask.

born Feb. 1

at

Church affil.: Formerly,
Lutheran; now, United Church
of Canada5th Generation - ChildrenDianna

born Sept. 26, 1947

at Erwood, Saskatchewan

Leslie

born Nov. 14, 1950

at Erwood, Saskatchewan

Larry

born Dec. 13, 1952

at Erwood, Saskatchewan

Juanita

born Dec. 22, 1954

at Erwood, Saskatchewan

Mervin

born Dec. 6, 1957

at Edmonton, Alberta

3rd GenerationBernard J. Toews

born June 12, 1890

at Henderson, Nebraska

Address: Morse, Saskatchewan

Occupation: Farming

Church affil.: Always, Mennonite

Married to Anna Wiens

on Jan. 16, 1916

at Herbert, Saskatchewan

born Jan. 10, 1894

at Marion, S.Dak.

Church affiliation: Always,
Mennonite4th Generation - ChildrenLawrence

born Oct. 21, 1917

at Morse, Sask.

Melvin

born March 16, 1920

at Morse, Sask.

Wesley

born Sept. 3, 1922

at Morse, Sask.

Lorraine

born Dec. 4, 1924

at Morse, Sask.

Verna

born Sept. 16, 1928

at Morse, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard J. Toews
in front of the house on their
farm about 4 miles north of
Morse. We visited them with the
Abram J. Toews, his brother, in
the summer of 1965. Ben can
tell about his pioneer days in
a most interesting way.

4th GenerationLawrence Toews

born Oct. 21, 1917

at Morse, Saskatchewan

Address: Morse, Sask.

Occupation: Garage Owner

Church affil.: The United

Church of Canada

Married to Minnie Parker

on May 26, 1940

at Morse, Sask.

born Dec. 31, 1918

at Morse, Sask.

Church affil.: United
Church of Canada5th Generation - ChildrenMerle Patricia

born Dec. 19, 1941

at Morse, Sask.

Mervin Robert

born Oct. 4, 1949

at Morse, Sask.

5th GenerationMerle Patricia

born Dec. 19, 1941

at Herbert, Sask.

Address: Morse, Sask.

Church affil.: Always,
United Church of CanadaMarried to Kenneth Shaw

on July 26, 1963

at Morse United Church

born April 7, 1940

at Herbert Hospital, Sask.

Occupation: Parts Clerk

Church affil.: United Church
of Canada at Morse, Sask.

This is Melvin's wife (Helen
Lansberry) living in Herbert,
and her daughter, Terry Ellen.
She cultivates her garden
she planted back of grandma's
house.

4th GenerationMelvin Toews

born March 16, 1920
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 Address: Herbert, Sask.
 Occupation: General Motors
 Salesman
 Church affil.: Always has
 been a member of the United
 Church of Canada
 Married to Helen Lansberry
 on June 3, 1946
 at Herbert, Sask.
 born June 3, 1922
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 none; later, a member of
 the United Church of Canada

5th Generation - ChildrenDallas Leslie

born Dec. 14, 1947
 at Herbert, Sask.

Cheryl Lynne

born April 13, 1950
 at Herbert, Sask.

Judith Anne

born Feb. 20, 1952
 at Herbert, Sask.

Terry Ellen

born Aug. 4, 1958
 at Herbert, Sask.

Lori Jane

born Nov. 26, 1961
 at Herbert, Sask.

4th GenerationWesley Toews

born Sept. 1922
 at Morse, Sask.
 Address: Stoney Creek, Ont.
 Occupation: Employed with
 Millwright Steel Co.
 Church affil.: Always,
 the United Church of Canada
 Married to Jean Rainey
 on Nov. 16, 1945
 at Rutherglen, Scotland
 born April 18, 1925
 at Rutherglen, Scotland
 Church affiliation: The
 United Church of Canada

5th Generation - ChildrenRex Wesley

born Dec. 4, 1947
 at Herbert, Sask.

Linda Mae

born May 19, 1951
 at Hamilton, Ontario

Janis Anne

born May 19, 1954
 at Hamilton, Ontario

Kevin Raymond

born May 9, 1960
 at Hamilton, Ontario

4th GenerationLorraine Toews

born Dec. 4, 1924
 at Morse, Sask.
 Address: Moose Jaw, Sask.
 1129, Athabasca St. W.
 Church affil.: before marriage,
 Mennonite; later, United Church
 of Canada
 Married to Adolf Martin Schaitel
 on Nov. 4, 1948
 at Herbert, Sask.
 born Oct. 8, 1920
 at Morse, Sask.
 Occupation: Canadian Pacific
 Railway
 Church affil.: Before marriage,
 Lutheran; later, United Church
 of Canada

5th Generation - ChildrenMavis Delee

born Sept. 21, 1951
 at 1120 Athabasca St. W.
 Moose Jaw, Sask.

Charlotte Ann

born Aug. 18, 1953
 at Moose Jaw, Sask.
 1129 Athabasca St. W.

Ione Loraine

born May 5, 1958
 at Moose Jaw, Sask.
 1129 Athabasca St. W.

4th GenerationVerna Toews

born Sept. 23, 1928
 at Morse, Sask.
 Address: Morse, Sask. (9½
 miles' south of town)
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 none; now, the United Church
 of Canada
 Married to Lee Lloyd
Schaitel on Jan. 17, 1955
 at Moose Jaw, Sask.
 born Sept. 23, 1924
 at Morse, Sask.
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Lutheran; now, United
 Church of Canada

5th Generation - ChildrenAnnette Faye

born July 13, 1956
 at Swift Current, Sask.

3rd GenerationClaus Toews

born Sept. 18, 1891
 at Butterfield, Minn.
 died May 30, 1924
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Age: 33 years, 8 months,
 12 days
 Cause: Unknown
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church member: Before
 marriage, Mennonite;
 after, not known
 Married to Tina Goertzen
 on July 19, 1914
 at Herbert, Sask.
 born Aug. 10, 1893
 at Herbert, Sask.
 Address: Morse, Sask.
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Nazarene

4th Generation - Child.Evelyn Toews

born Oct. 3, 1915
 at Morse, Sask., Canada
 Died in Sunnyside, Alta.

Clarence

born Feb. 5, 1919
 at Morse, Sask.

4th GenerationEvelyn Toews

born Oct. 3, 1915
 at Morse, Saskatchewan
 died
 at Sunnyslope, Alta.
 Age:
 Church affil.: Not
 known
 Married to Britt Nelson
 in 1939
 at Sunnyslope, Alta.
 born Oct. 1915
 at Herbert, Sask.
 died Oct. 1942
 at Sunnyslope, Alta.
 Age: 27
 of a blood clot

No children

4th GenerationClarence Toews

born Feb. 5, 1919
 at Morse, Sask.
 Address: 3915-19 Ave.
 S.W., Calgary, Alta.
 Occupation: Postal Clerk
 Church affil.: None
 Married to Marie Loudon
 on
 at
 born July 18, 1915
 at Calgary, Alberta
 Church affil.: Lutheran

No children

3rd GenerationAron (Ernest) Toews

born July 7, 1893
 at Springfield, S. Dak.
 Address: Morse, Sask.
 Occupation: Farmer?
 Ch. affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Nazarene
 Married to Mary Goertzen
 on Nov. 5, 1922
 at Morse, Sask.
 born Jan. 16, 1905
 at Niverville, Manitoba
 Ch. affil.: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Nazarene

4th Generation - Child.Elva Grace

born July 17, 1931
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Irwin Ernest

born August 20, 1934
 at Regina Sask.
 Occupation: Employed by
 Oil Co.
 Ch. affil.: None

4th GenerationElva Grace Toews

born July 17, 1931
 at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Address: Chaplin, Sask.
 Church affil.: None given
 Married to Douglas Moser
 on Feb. 24, 1951
 at Morse, Sask.
 born June 10, 1930
 at Morse, Sask.
 Church affil.: None given
 Occupation: High School
 Teacher

5th Generation - Child.Joanne Laurel

born Sept. 3, 1951
 at Herbert, Sask.

Terry Lynn

born Jan. 29, 1955
 at Swift Current, Sask.

Garnet Dean

born May 11, 1959
 at Herbert, Sask.



Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard J. Toews
 and
 Mrs. and Mr. Aaron (Ernest) Toews
 Ben Toews lives on the farm
 north of Morse and Aaron Toews
 lives in the town of Morse.

Maria Toews Janzen Family

Maria Toews was born in Kleefeld, Russia, July 15, 1850. At the time of her birth her father was 32 and her mother also 32, only 20 days younger than her husband, Isaac Janzen.

Maria was baptized in Kleefeld, Russia, in the spring of 1869. She was 19 at the time. Isaac Janzen whom she married in October of the same year, was 24 and baptized at the same time.

The Janzens lived in Kleefeld, Russia for 7 years before they moved to America with their parents in 1876. They had 4 children during those 7 years. Isaac and Peter, twins, died as infants in Russia. Maria (Hoffman), was 4 years old and Isaac 2 when they came to America.

The Janzens and many other Mennonite immigrants from Russia, arrived in the Lushton, Nebraska area, in July 1876. The first month they lived in the immigration house not far from Henderson. Their farm was 2 miles north of Lushton. They and the Johan Quirings, Maria's older sister, each bought 80 acres close together.

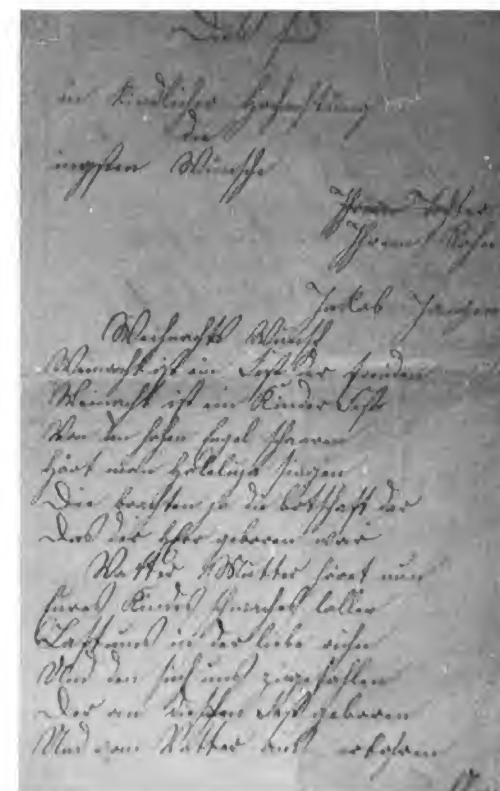
These couples had lived on their farms only a year when a tornado took the Janzen's house. It was only by the grace of God that their lives were spared. Father's legs were broken and Mother was pinned under a beam lying across her chest. The other end of the beam lay across the cradle in which was little Elizabeth (now Mrs. Peter Heide, 90 years old and living at Mountain Lake) unharmed.

In spite of these and many other pioneering difficulties and hardships, the parents of all the Russian immigrants were seriously concerned about their children's education. They opened a school in Rempel's home, a larger house about a mile from their place. The first teacher was a Mr. Siebert, one of the first fathers of the Siebert clan still a resident in the Henderson area. At first only German was taught but English was used as soon as circumstances permitted.

The most important time of the school year was the Christmas and New Year season. At this time "Wuensche" (wishes in the form of prayers for the parents) were most meticulously copied and embellished in various ways, memorized and recited at festive occasions observed in the homes in the earliest years and later in church.

Following we have a few examples of what was done. The first is Jacob Janzen's Christmas "Wunsch" of 13 lines for his parents. This was about the usual length for an 8-year old. At present he is 89 and lives in Dallas, Oregon. The first picture shows his name in special lettering at the top of the piece, the second is the piece itself.

Most likely Jacob did not write this "Wunsch" himself. Either the teacher or one of the older pupils wrote it for him. On the top a mistake was made and corrected when they wrote "Ihrer Tochter" (your daughter) when it should have been "Ihren Sohne" (your son).



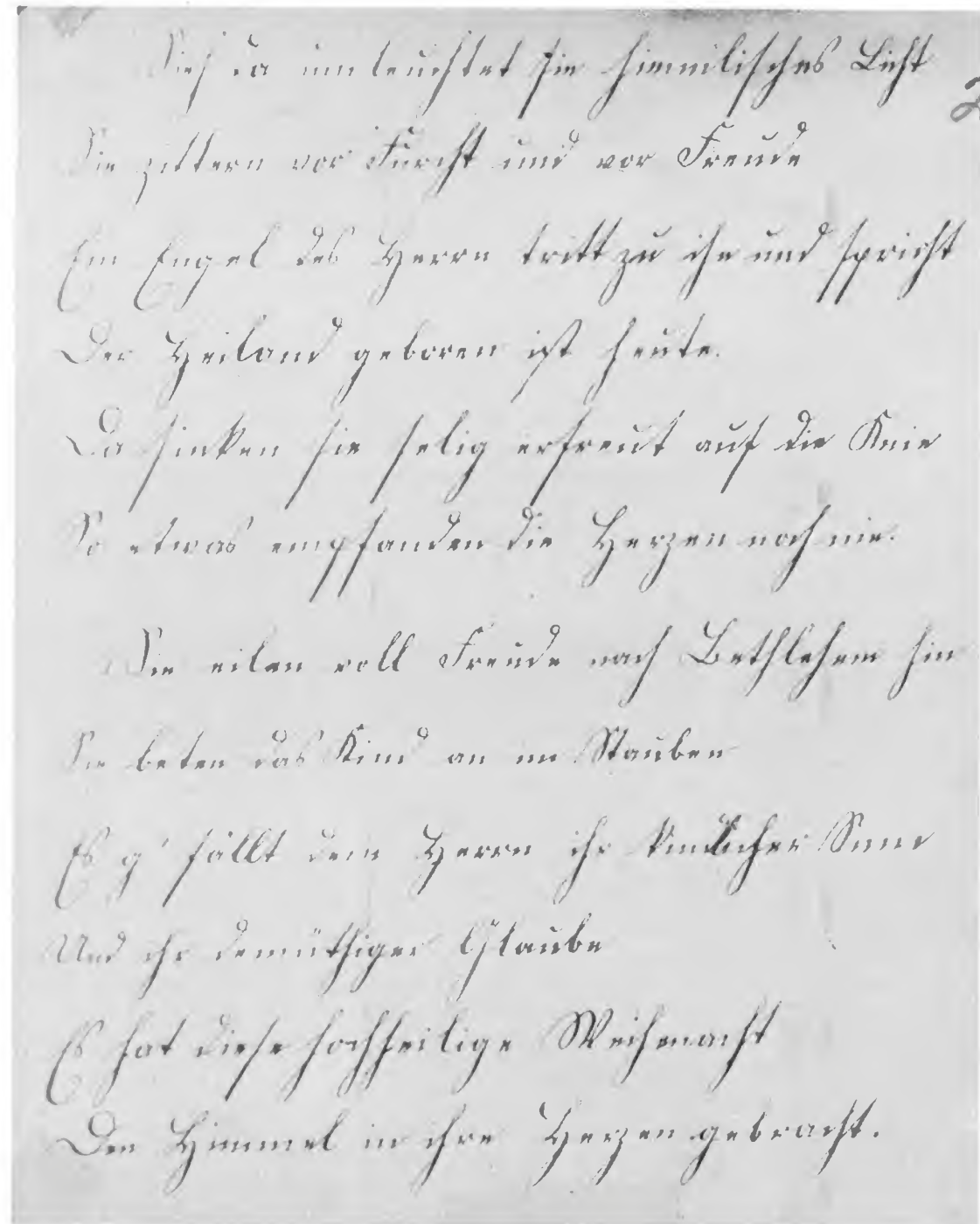


Advantage was also taken of the openness of heart, interest and enthusiasm inherent in the Christmas spirit. Carefully chosen maxims such as shown above, saying, "diligence is a virtue, practice it even in your earliest years," were copied and learned.

Then we also have a longer "Wunsch" (wish, prayer) for an older pupil. This, most likely, was what one of the older children (Maria 14, Isaac 12, and Elizabeth 10) copied themselves if they could and learned. The following pages do not show the whole "Wunsch" but enough is given to get the core of the message.

A good deal of learning went into copying, learning and reciting into such "Wunsch" observance. Older pupils learned "Wuensche" both for Christmas and New Years. The length varied with the ability of the pupil. It was in a way the pioneers' manner of indicating the pupil's IQ. Then there also was often emulation in the class being first in knowing the longest "Wunsch" and reciting it in the most impressive manner.

Father Isaac Janzen took an active part in school and church. His notebook bears evidence of a thorough Russian, German, village school education. It is possible that he himself, or Mr. Siebert, the teacher, composed some of these lines themselves.



Uns und ist geboren das Kindlein zart
 Uns und ist die Freude erwünscht
 Für uns ist gelagert im Driggalin fort
 Und so mit dem Jahr aufsteigt
 Es fort diese soffällig gewarigete Nacht
 Für uns und das Himmel mit dem gabraust.
 Dem sind wir mit Jubel und Freude begrüßt
 Gütlichste Mutter von Herzen
 Das Kindlein Jesu, abträgt und wuschelt,
 Das Leben vielfältige Besorgungen.
 Es ruft das Leben von Dämmern Jesu
 Des ist für die Wunschkraft geboren wir bin.

The Janzen's first years at Henderson were very difficult. They went quite a bit into debt because of drought and grasshoppers. Eventually when they lost everything, they had to look for a new start.

Some of the immigrants from Russia who had come at the time of the Janzens had not come as far west as Henderson, Nebraska but stayed in Minnesota in the Windom, Mountain Lake and Butterfield areas. Almost all Russian Mennonites coming to America in the 70's and later came through these places on their way west. Often they stayed here when arrangements could be made to do so. Later, when times in Nebraska became too trying, many left for the east where there was more rain. The government and railroads were always offering new lands and opportunities to settlers.

In September 1895 the Isaac Janzens decided to go back to Butterfield. They had gone so far into debt, hoping that rains would come, that they could no longer make it. They left their farm to their son Isaac, who had just gotten married to Anna Regier from Butterfield, and was also selling farm machinery. For his home this arrangement did not prove successful and ended in a divorce in Nov. 1905. Maria Janzen who had married Ludwig Hoffman 3 years before (1892) also stayed in Nebraska at this time. Later he moved also to Munich, North Dakota, directly.

The trip from Henderson to Butterfield was made by covered wagon and horses. It was most arduous and demanded a tall bit of pioneering. Preparing for the long trip a pig was killed, cooked and smoked; many loaves of brown bread were baked and bushels of buns were baked and roasted and put into sacks. Everything was packed into boxes called "Kists" and placed into a big wagon, having a home-made, tent-like roof. At 15 miles a day the trip took about 20 days.

While on the trip the cooking was done on a frame under which they made a brush fire. The parents slept in the buggy with a large platform and the children in the wagon. The buggy had roofs which kept out the rain, wind and cold. The horses grazed at night and during stops at mealtime and rests. When they could they stopped for the night with some farmer. At noon the horses usually got some feed along with the grazing. However, the grass often was dry and the horses did not do much more than stay alive. Another trip from Butterfield to Munich, North Dakota, which was almost again as far as from Henderson to Butterfield, was made in the same way.

When they got as far as Windom on the trip from Henderson, the boys, Jacob 17 and Henry 13, took off the wheels to grease them. One of the wheels fell on Jacob's chest and broke it. Aaron Wall from Mountain Lake fixed it. After that they proceeded and finally got to Butterfield.

The Janzens stayed in Butterfield, Minnesota only 4 years. They had few relatives here and did not have their own land. The ground they rented belonged to the parents of Cornelius J. Funk, the husband of Anna Janzen who still lives in Mountain Lake.

In 1896 large numbers of settlers started to move westward to lands offered as homesteads by the government or large pieces of ground for farms sold by railroads. Fifty-four of our Mennonite families moved to Munich and Alsen, North Dakota. They took up claims or homesteads. Three years later a large migration went to Saskatchewan. At this time 157 families left Mountain Lake for the north in long trains, carrying implements, cattle and household goods. About 15 years later (1910-12) 67 families moved to Montana, 61 to California, 32 to Oregon, 15 to Idaho, 53 to various other states.

The move to North Dakota began in 1896 but in 1898 the greater number went from Mountain Lake and Henderson. The availability of land at very reasonable prices seems to have been the main reason for moving. Land agents of the Great Northern Railway Company were especially anxious for settlers to come. The first Old Order Amish came in 1894.

In North Dakota the state had opened homesteads and let them out for \$25.00 a piece. There were many stones and badger holes. The houses had to be built of sod. They were partitioned, one side was to house the cattle, and the other side the family. Jacob Janzen got 80 acres of his own and made the first well, about a yard square and not too deep. It had ample and good water which was quite an attraction for our Mennonite settlers. Several of the Janzen family still live in the Munich area and all have done very well. Others have spread out all over the western states. Anna (Funk) and an older sister, Elizabeth (Heide) now reside in Mountain Lake. They both are in the 80's and 90's. Jake lives in Dallas, Oregon and is also around 90. He was born in Henderson 2 months after coming from Russia.

Mary Janzen, born in Russia, married Ludwig Hoffman, a Lutheran in Henderson. This is one of the largest families of the entire Toews clan. Brother Hoffman came from Germany as a Lutheran but became a very faithful Mennonite and many of his descendants are vitally concerned about religious expression.

Elizabeth was 3 years old when they came to America. She married Peter Heide and her family has belonged to the Christian and Missionary Alliance since 1921. At present she lives with her daughter Marie, Mrs. David Schultz, on a farm near Mountain Lake. She is now, Jan. 1967, 90 years of age.

Katharina (Peters) moved to California in 1912 in that great exodus to the west. At that time the west was wild and rugged and the family felt quite sad when they moved.



Salem Church, Munich, North Dakota

Anna Janzen was one of the first baptized in this church. Bishop Christian Kaufmann from Freeman, South Dakota, came on July 19, 1905 for this service.

The church was dedicated on the first Sunday in July, 1905. It is located 3 miles south of the Janzen place.

Isaac Janzen helped to organize the church. He spent much time in this work. He served as treasurer of the church and his initiative and devotion to the cause of God were important factors in starting the congregation. The work of fathers Janzen and Quiring were indeed foundation-laying. The church still functions quite effectively in the community.

Grandma's funeral was still in the school (April 15, 1905) because the church had not been dedicated at the time.

This grandma was our first generation Mother, Peter Toews, later Worms.

During the earlier settling years (1900-1905), all church services were in the school house.

MARIA TOEWS JANZEN



Above we have the farm of Isaac Janzen. It shows the wonderful progress these pioneer families made through their diligence, frugality, piety and faith in God. In the picture on the left (also the inset) we see the parents, Isaac Janzens, in the middle son Henry with the family dog and Anna, Mrs. C. J. Funk now living at 1215 2nd Ave., Mountain Lake, Minn. These farm buildings are quite a contrast to the first sod houses. I remember as a young boy when this picture was sent to my parents in Steinbach, Manitoba, how impressed I was by this field of schocks, the buildings and our relatives who lived "in the states."



Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Janzen, Henry on the left and Annie, Mrs. C. J. Funk, now living in Mountain Lake, on the right. This was their home on the farm at Munich, North Dakota.

The following was written on the back of the picture on the previous page, which was sent to the John Toews family in Mountain Lake (Johan and Maria were brothers and sister).

"Wir waren immer in der festen Hoffnung euch als Gaeste zu empfangen, da ihr es uns so ganz absagt so wollen wir euch besuchen wenn es auch nur auf dem Bilde, so koennet ihr doch unsere Liebe zu euch erkoennen, wuenschen euch noch eine seelige Zeit bis unsere Zeit hir abgelaufen ist in dieser betruebten Welt. Seid noch sehr gegrueszt mit all eure Kinder zusammen von uns und all unsere Kinder. Lebt wohl bis wir uns wiedersehn im Himmel.

Is. u. Maria Janzen."

2nd Generation

Maria Toews
born July 27, 1850
in Kleefeld, Russia
died June 21, 1932
in Munich, North Dakota
of a stroke
Age: 81 years, 10 months,
24 days
Ch. affil.: Always, Menn.
first in Russia, then
Henderson, and later,
Munich, North Dakota
Married to Isaac Janzen
on Oct. 16, 1869
in Russia
born May 24, 1845
in Russia
died Dec. 20, 1921
at Munich, North Dakota
of cancer
Age: 76 years, 6 months,
26 days
Occupation: Farmer
Ch. affil.: Always, Menn.
first in Russia, then
Henderson, later, in Mu-
nich, North Dakota

3rd Generation - Child.

Isaac and Peter (twins)
born Dec. 7, 1870
in Russia
Isaac died Dec. 14, 1871
in Russia
and Peter died in in-
fancy also in Russia

Maria (Hoffman)
born Sept. 4, 1872
in Landskron, Russia
died Jan. 6, 1950
in Munich, North Dakota

Isaac
born Sept. 2, 1874
in Landskron, Russia
died June 15, 1952
at Dallas, Oregon
Elizabeth (Heide)
born Sept. 30, 1876
in Henderson, Nebr.
still living (June 1967)
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
Jacob I.
born Nov. 27, 1878
in Henderson, Nebr.
still living (June 1967)
at Dallas, Oregon
Katharina (Peters)
born Feb. 14, 1881
at Henderson, Nebr.
still living (June 1967)
at Morro Bay, Calif.
Heinrich
born Dec. 13, 1882
at Henderson, Nebr.
died May 15, 1955
at Devils Lake, N.D.

Kornelius
born Oct. 13, 1886
at Henderson, Nebr.
died in infancy
Anna (Funk)
born Sept. 18, 1887
at Henderson, Nebr.
still living (June 1967)
at Mountain Lake, Minn.

3rd Generation

Maria Janzen
born Sept. 4, 1872
at Landskron, Russia
died Jan. 6, 1950
at Munich, North Dakota
of gall bladder trouble
Age: 77 years, 4 months,
and 2 days
Church affiliation:
Always, Mennonite
Married to Ludwig Hoff-
man July 17, 1892
at Henderson, Nebraska
born Sept. 20, 1867
at Zweibruecken, Germany
died April 28, 1950
at Munich, North Dakota
of a heart attack
Age: 82 years, 7 months,
8 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Before
marriage, Lutheran;
later, Mennonite

4th Generation - Child.

Louis L.
born April 26, 1893
at Henderson, Nebr.
Isaac
born Dec. 26, 1894
at Henderson, Nebr.

Marie
born Dec. 7, 1896
at Henderson, Nebr.

Jacob
born June 5, 1898
at Henderson, Nebr.
died Dec. 4, 1914
at Munich, North Dakota
of ruptured appendix
Age: 16 years, 5 months,
and 29 days
Anna
born June 12, 1900
at Henderson, Nebr.
Henry
born Oct. 13, 1901
at Munich, North Dakota
Twin boys (stillborn)
on June 18, 1903
at Munich, North Dakota
died June 18, 1903
at Munich, North Dakota
Elizabeth
born Dec. 21, 1903
at Munich, North Dakota

Katharina
born April 30, 1908
at Munich, North Dakota
Daniel
born May 18, 1913
at Munich, North Dakota

Herbert H.
born April 19, 1932
at Munich, N. Dak.

Evelyn
born March 2, 1936
at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

4th Generation

Louis L. Hoffman
born April 26, 1893
at Henderson, Nebr.
Address: Munich, N. Dak.
Occupation: Farmer
Ch. affil.: Salem Menn.
Married to Katie Harder
on July 22, 1914
at Munich, North Dakota
born May 23, 1894
at (?) Minnesota
died April 15, 1949
at Devils Lake, N. Dak.
of a heart attack
Age: 54 years, 11 months,
and 22 days
Ch. affil.: Salem Menn.
Married to Annie Pankratz
Dick on June 7, 1955
at (?)
born June 16, 1895
at Mountain Lake, Minn.
Ch. affil.: Salem Menn.

5th Generation - Child.

Albert
born March 30, 1915
at Munich, North Dakota

Jake L.
born March 13, 1917
at Munich, North Dakota

Marie
born Jan. 3, 1920
at Munich, North Dakota

Annie
born July 2, 1923
at Munich, North Dakota

Louis H.
born April 24, 1927
at Munich, North Dakota

5th GenerationAlbert Hoffman

born March 1915

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Fruit laborer

Church affil.: First,

Mennonite Church; later, the

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

Married to Anne Martens

on July 31, 1938

at Dallas, Oregon

born November 2, 1912

at Mountain Lake, Minn.

Church affil.: First,

Mennonite Brethren; later, The

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenLeslie Al

born June 7, 1939

Dallas, Oregon

Church affil.: The Evan-

gelical Mennonite Brethren

Occupation: Air Force

Eileen Jane

born Dec. 5, 1940

at Dallas, Oregon

Geraldine Anne

born Aug. 19, 1943

at Dallas, Oregon

Muriel Joyce

born April 13, 1945

at Dallas, Oregon

Church affil.: The Evan-

gelical Mennonite Brethren

Occupation: Student at

Grace Bible School, Omaha

Alice Faye

born Oct. 7, 1947

at Dallas, Oregon

6th GenerationLeslie Al Hoffman

born June 7, 1939

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Was Air Force,

now car salesman

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite

Brethren

Married to Sandy Schmuck

on Feb. 14, 1967

at Dallas, Oregon

born Oct. , 1945

at (?)

Profession (?)

Church affil.: None given

Louis Ronald

born April 2, 1952

at Dallas, Oregon

Michael James

born Dec. 13, 1956

at Dallas, Oregon

6th GenerationEileen Jane Hoffman

born Dec. 5, 1940

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Church affil.: None

Married to Robert H. Gates

on Sept. 4, 1959

at Dallas, Oregon

born Oct. 28, 1940

at Eugene, Oregon

Occupation: Electrician

Church affiliation: Baptist;

later, Lutheran

7th Generation - ChildrenDebra Jane

born May 9, 1960

at Dallas, Oregon

6th GenerationGeraldine Anne Hoffman

born August 19, 1943

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Church affiliation: Always

Evangelical Mennonite

Brethren

Married to Robert Thiessen

on August 4, 1962

at Dallas, Oregon

born Aug. 8, 1943

at Dallas, Oregon

Occupation (?)

Church affil.: None given

7th Generation - ChildrenSusanna

born May 4, 1965

in New Mexico

5th GenerationJacob L. Hoffman

born March 13, 1917

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Auke Bay, Alaska

Occupation: Missionary

Church affil.: Salem Mennonite

Church in Munich, N. Dak.;

later, the Bethel Lustre Men-

nonite Church; and in Alaska

the Auke Bay Bible Church

Married to Hilda Louise Ortmann

on May 22, 1941

at Munich, North Dakota

born February 20, 1921

at Marion, South Dakota

Profession: Missionary

Church affil.: Earlier the

Salem Mennonite Church; later

the Bethel Lustre Mennonite

Church; and now in Alaska

the Auke Bay Bible Church

6th Generation - ChildrenDellene Delsie

born Oct. 18, 1943

at Chicago, Ill.

Paul Maurice

born Jan. 29, 1946

at Glasgow, Mont.

At present is a student in

Highway Technical College

Church affiliation: None

Verlin David

born Nov. 15, 1949

at Glasgow, Montana.

David Andrew

born at Juneau, Alaska

on November 5, 1955



This is the Jacob L. Hoffman family with their son-in-law, Stanley Lewis Love, standing in front of one of Alaska's famous glaciers.
Back row: Stanley, Paul, Dad.
Front row: Dellene, Daryl, Mom and Verlin

6th Generation

Dellene Delsie Hoffman
born Oct. 18, 1943
at Chicago, Ill.
Address: Juneau, Alaska
Profession: Federal Government Employee and student at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.
Church affiliation: Auke Bay Bible Church, Alaska
Married to Stanley Lewis Love
on Sept. 4, 1964
at Auke Bay, Alaska
born June 13, 1944
at Seattle, Washington
Occupation: Federal Government Employee and student at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.
Church affiliation: Auke Bay Bible Church, Alaska



5th Generation

Marie Hoffman
born Jan. 3, 1920
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Munich, North Dakota
Church affiliation: Always, Mennonite
Married to John Janzen
on June 4, 1941
at Munich, North Dakota
born
at
Occupation: Farming
Church affiliation: Always, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children
born March 29, 1945
at Munich, North Dakota
Church affiliation: Mennonite
Occupation: Farming

Joann Janzen
born
at

5th Generation

Annie Hoffman
born July 2, 1923
at Munich, N. Dak.
Address: Munich, N. Dak.
Profession: Taking care of the school
Church affiliation: Always, Mennonite
Married to Clarence Dick
on
at Munich, North Dakota
born
at
Occupation: School janitor
Church affil.: Always, Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Elaine Jane
born Jan. 16, 1945
at Munich, North Dakota

Evonne Ann
born Jan. 16, 1945
at Munich, North Dakota

Stephen C.
born Jan. 15, 1949
at Munich, North Dakota

5th GenerationLouis H. Hoffman

born April 24, 1927

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Portland, Oregon

Occupation: Tool grinder and pastor

of An American Sunday School

Union Church

Church affiliation: The Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren Church in Dallas,

Oregon; earlier, Gen. Conf. Menn.

Married to Helen Ruth Wall

on June 25, 1947

at Lustre, Montana

born Jan. 29, 1925

at Lustre, Montana

Church affiliation: Always,

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren

6th Generation - ChildrenRichard Lee

born July 27, 1948

at Glasgow, Mont.

Thomas Louis

born June 17, 1950

at Dallas, Oregon

Kathleen Louise

born Dec. 23, 1951

at Dallas, Oregon

5th GenerationHerbert N. Hoffman

born April 19, 1932

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Salem Mennonite, Munich, N. Dak.

Married to Gladys Susan Dick

on Oct. 21, 1952

at Munich, North Dakota

born Oct. 5, 1930

at Munich, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Always,

Salem Mennonite, Munich, N. Dak.

6th Generation - ChildrenMarcene Suzanne

August 18, 1954

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Mark Wayne

born April 5, 1958

at Omaha, Nebraska

Sandra Kay

born Feb. 23, 1965

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationEvelyn Hoffman

born March 2, 1936

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Address: Route #1, Devils

Lake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Salem Mennonite

Church, Munich, North Dakota;

later, St. Olif Lutheran Church

in Devils Lake, North Dakota

Married to Walter Rouquet

on May 3, 1959

at Munich, North Dakota

born March 28, 1926

at Arlington, Iowa

Occupation: Mechanic

Church affiliation: First Lutheran

at Ada, Minn.; later, St. Olaf,

Lutheran, Devils Lake, North Dakota

6th Generation - ChildrenLynette Kay

born Jan. 4, 1960

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Deanna Marie

born August 30, 1961

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

Judith Renae

born May 15, 1963

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Lutheran

4th GenerationIsaac Hoffman

born Dec. 26, 1894
 in York County, Nebraska
 Address: Dallas, Oregon
 Occupation: Farmer, businessman,
 now a semi-retired bookkeeper
 Church affiliation: Earlier,
 Salem Mennonite Church at Munich,
 N. Dak.; now, Grace Mennonite
 Church at Dallas, Oregon.
 Married to Annie L. Dick
 on Jan. 11, 1920
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 born on June 22, 1900
 in York County, Nebraska
 Church affil.: None earlier;
 later, Salem Mennonite Church,
 Munich, North Dakota; now
 Grace Mennonite Church at
 Dallas, Oregon



Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hoffman,
 now living at Dallas, Ore.

5th Generation - ChildrenGeorge L.

born Oct. 29, 1920
 at Munich, North Dakota

Archie Jacob

born August 15, 1922
 at Munich, North Dakota

Donald Lee

born Aug. 16, 1927
 at Munich, North Dakota

Joyce Ann

born July 23, 1933
 at Munich, North Dakota

DeWayne Isaac

born May 16, 1935
 at Munich, North Dakota

Carolyn Marie

born Feb. 7, 1937
 at Munich, North Dakota

Ila Mae

born March 21, 1941
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationGeorge L. Hoffman

born Oct. 29, 1920
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Dallas, Oregon
 Occupation: Farmer, minister
 of the Gospel; at present
 working at the State Hospital
 Church affil.: Earlier, the
 Salem Mennonite Church at
 Munich, North Dakota; later,
 the Grace Mennonite Church
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Married to Ella Minder
 on June 20, 1943
 at Onida, South Dakota
 born April 13, 1922
 in Switzerland
 Church affiliation: the Men-
 nonite Church in South Dakota
 and now Grace Mennonite Church
 in Dallas, Oregon

6th Generation - ChildrenDale L.

born May 31, 1944
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Grace
 Mennonite, Dallas, Oregon
 Occupation: College Student

Donna Mae

born March 19, 1947
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Grace
 Mennonite Church, Dallas, Ore.
 Occupation: High School student

Robert

born Oct. 8, 1949
 at Langdon, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Grace
 Mennonite, Dallas, Oregon

Jerry Linn

born Jan. 3, 1952
 at Langdon, North Dakota

Timothy

born Dec. 21, 1955
 at Langdon, North Dakota

Mark Wayne

born Nov. 15, 1958
 at Butterfield, Minnesota

Gregory Allen

born April 13, 1961
 at Dallas, Oregon

5th GenerationArchie Jacob Hoffman

born August 15, 1922

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: None given

Married to Alma Janzen

on Oct. 30, 1944

at Munich, North Dakota

born Dec. 24, 1921

at Langdon, North Dakota

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affil.: The Salem

Mennonite Church at Munich,

North Dakota

6th Generation - ChildrenDiana Jean

born June 2, 1945

in Oklahoma

Marilyn Jane

born Oct. 11, 1950

at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Rodney Allen

born May 8, 1953

at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Delwyn Dewain

born Dec. 14, 1961

at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

6th GenerationDiana Jean Hoffman

born June 2, 1945

in Oklahoma

Address: Hampdon, North Dakota

Church affil.: Always has

been a member of the Salem

Mennonite Church in Munich, N.D.

Married to Wayne Paul Haugland

on Sept. 5, 1963

at Hampdon, North Dakota

born August 31, 1945

in Hampdon, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affil.: Always has

been a member of the

Lutheran Church

7th Generation - ChildrenTorry Wayne

born Jan. 21, 1964

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Jodi Deean and Joni Leean

(twins)

born Feb. 14, 1965

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationDonald Lee Hoffman

born Aug. 16, 1927

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Trucking pet-
roleum products

Church affil.: Was Salem

Mennonite Church in Munich,

North Dakota; now, Grace

Mennonite Church in Dallas,

Oregon

Married to Ruth Donalda Dick

on March 28, 1948

at Munich, North Dakota

born May 4, 1927

at Munich, North Dakota

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affil.: Was a member

of the Salem Mennonite Church

in Munich, North Dakota; now

a member of the Grace Menno-

nite Church in Dallas, Oregon

6th Generation - ChildrenDouglas Dean

born Jan. 16, 1949

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Occupation: High School Stu-
dent

Church affil.: Grace Menno-

nite Church, Dallas, Oregon

Bryan Donald

born Oct. 28, 1951

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Pamela Joy

born Sept. 4, 1954

at Dallas, Oregon

5th GenerationJoyce Ann Hoffman

born July 23, 1933

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Omaha, Nebraska

Profession: Registered Nurse

Church affil.: Was Grace

Mennonite, Dallas, Oregon;

now, Omaha Tabernacle

Married to Raymond R. Friesen

on August 9, 1955

at Dallas, Oregon

born Nov. 23, 1931

at Meade, Kansas

Occupation: Works in box
factory

Church affil.: Was Evangeli-

cal Mennonite Brethren in

Meade, Kansas; now member of

Omaha Tabernacle

6th Generation - ChildrenKevin Allen

born Feb. 23, 1960

at Omaha, Nebraska

Michelle Renie

born May 8, 1964

at Omaha, Nebraska

5th Generation

DeWayne Isaac Hoffman
born May 18, 1935
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Santa Clara, Calif.
Occupation: Meteorologist
Church affil.: Always been
a member of the Grace Mennonite
Church in Dallas, Oregon
Married to Sandra Jean Owen
on Aug. 2, 1959
at Dallas, Oregon
born Feb. 23, 1936
in Oregon
Profession: School Teacher
Church affil.: Not known

5th Generation

Carolyn Marie Hoffman
born Feb. 7, 1937
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Dallas, Oregon
Profession: Bookkeeper
Church affil.: Always,
Grace Mennonite, Dallas, Ore.
Married to James Alvin Wall
on June 14, 1957
at Dallas, Oregon
born Jan. 29, 1936
at Dallas, Oregon
Occupation: Cabinet Factory
Church affil.: Always,
Grace Mennonite, Dallas, Ore.

6th Generation - Children

Debra Lynette
born Jan. 24, 1959
at Dallas, Oregon

Barbara Jo
born April 9, 1961
at Dallas, Oregon

5th Generation

Ila Mae Hoffman
born March 21, 1941
at Devils Lake, North Dakota
Address: Salem, Oregon
Church affil.: None given
Married to Wester J. Dyck
on Nov. 10, 1961
at Dallas, Oregon
born Nov. 3, 1940
in Saskatchewan, Canada
Occupation: Cabinet building
Church affiliation: Always a
member of the Kingwood Bible
Church in Salem, Oregon

6th Generation - Children

Cameron Wester
born Nov. 10, 1962
at Salem, Oregon

4th Generation

Marie Hoffman
born Dec. 7, 1896
at Henderson, Nebraska
Address: Munich, North Dakota
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite
Married to Abraham A. Thiessen
on June 24, 1915
at Munich, North Dakota
born July 4, 1888
at Henderson, Nebraska
Occupation: Farmer
Church affil.: Always,
Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

Olga Marie
born June 7, 1916
at Munich, North Dakota

James Dale
born August 30, 1927
at Munich, North Dakota

5th GenerationOlga Marie Thiesen

born June 7, 1916
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Munich, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Leonard Unruh
 on June 24, 1941
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born Feb. 20, 1919
 at Lostwood, North Dakota
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenDavid Lee

born March 1, 1944
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: 1-W work in Alaska
 Church affiliation: Mennonite

Daniel Leslie

born April 18, 1946
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Student
 Church affiliation: Mennonite

Donald Leon

born Oct. 4, 1947
 at Munich, North Dakota

Delmer Lyle

born May 23, 1950
 at Munich, North Dakota

5th GenerationJames Dale Thiessen

born Aug. 30, 1927
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Minister of the
 Gospel and teacher in Bible
 Academy
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Gladys Ruth Heppner
 on Sept. 24, 1947
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born June 3, 1928
 at Lostwood, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenKaren Ardell

born Dec. 5, 1948
 at Munich, North Dakota

Kerwin Dale

born April 3, 1950
 at Munich, North Dakota

Korrene Avis

born July 18, 1951
 at Munich, North Dakota

Keith Dean

born Sept. 29, 1953
 at Munich, North Dakota

Kenneth James

born Dec. 8, 1958
 at Tahlequah, Oklahoma

4th GenerationAnna Hoffman

born June 12, 1900
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 Address: Munich, North Dakota
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Dietrich C. Dick
 on Oct. 22, 1919
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born Sept. 22, 1893
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenWynona Ione

born June 11, 1920
 at Munich, North Dakota

Lewis D.

born Oct. 30, 1921
 at Munich, North Dakota

Leonard

born Sept. 19, 1923
 at Munich, North Dakota

*Lilah Jane

born March 12, 1926
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Profession: Teacher
 Church affil.: Mennonite

Newton Dale

born April 15, 1938
 at Munich, North Dakota

5th GenerationWynona Ione Dick

born June 11, 1920
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Dallas, Oregon
 Church affiliation: Earlier,
 Salem Mennonite Church; now,
 Salem Mennonite Church at
 Munich, North Dakota
 Married to Dietrich Unruh
 on Jan. 1, 1943
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born March 18, 1916
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Occupation: Farmer and Laborer
 Church affil.: Earlier,
 Woodland Mennonite Church; now
 Salem Mennonite Church at
 Munich

6th Generation - ChildrenSharon Ann

born Dec. 3, 1943
 at Warroad, Minnesota

Kenneth Wayne

born Dec. 14, 1946
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

*Note: Lilah Jane Dick, now teaching at Benson, Minnesota, has been a very willing, able and systematic contributor of information about this Maria Toews Janzen family. We are indeed grateful to her and Mrs. Cornelius J. Funk for their efforts to make this part of this book, dealing with this branch of the Toews clan. apt

5th Generation

Lewis D. Dick
born Oct. 30, 1921
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Munich, North Dakota
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Always,
Mennonite
Married to Mildred Luella Ortman
on Nov. 9, 1943
at Munich, North Dakota
born Nov. 12, 1924
at Marion, South Dakota
Church affiliation: Always,
Mennonite

6th Generation - Children

Maxine Joyce
born Sept. 18, 1944
at Devils Lake, North Dakota
Occupation: Student at present
Church affiliation: Mennonite

Marlys Jean
born Jan. 9, 1948
at Devils Lake, North Dakota
Church affiliation: Mennonite

Wesley Lyle
born Sept. 4, 1954
at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th Generation

Leonard Dick
born Sept. 19, 1923
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Richey, Montana
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: None be-
fore marriage; now, Christian
and Missionary Alliance
Married to Dorothy Eva Unger
on Oct. 11, 1949
at Munich, North Dakota
born May 19, 1928
at Munich, North Dakota
Church affiliation: Earlier,
Mennonite; now, Christian and
Missionary Alliance

6th Generation - Children

Darrel Lee
born August 15, 1950
at Langdon, North Dakota

Colleen Susanne
born July 12, 1952
at Langdon, North Dakota

Leonard Lyle
born Jan. 17, 1957
at Glendale, Calif.

5th Generation

Newton Dale Dick
born April 15, 1938
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: (Now) Oregon
Occupation: School Teacher
Church affiliation: None
Married to Eunice Josephine
Carlson on Aug. 8, 1963
at Aberdeen, South Dakota
born Jan. 28, 1938
at New Rockford, North Dakota
Profession: School Teacher
Church affiliation: Always
Lutheran

4th Generation

Henry Hoffman
born Oct. 13, 1901
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Munich, North Dakota
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Always,
Salem Mennonite Church at
Munich, North Dakota
Married to Tina Harder
on July 9, 1926
at Munich, North Dakota
born June 7, 1902
at Munich, North Dakota
Church affiliation: Always,
Salem Mennonite Church in
Munich, North Dakota

5th Generation - Children

Eileen
born Dec. 25, 1929
at Munich, North Dakota
died Dec. 25, 1929
at Munich, North Dakota

Arlo Henry
born April 25, 1932
at Munich, North Dakota

Ralph Hilbert
born April 28, 1934
at Munich, North Dakota

Elvira Ann
born Feb. 19, 1937
at Munich, North Dakota

5th Generation

Arlo Henry Hoffman
 born April 25, 1932
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Salem
 Mennonite Church at Munich
 at all times
 Married to Vera Jean Glover
 on Nov. 28, 1959
 at Broken Bow, Nebraska
 born May 19, 1937
 at Broken Bow, Nebraska
 Profession: Registered Nurse
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Berean Fundamental Church;
 now, Salem Mennonite Church
 at Munich

6th Generation - Children

Gregory Dean
 born Nov. 17, 1961
 at Omaha, Nebraska

5th Generation

Ralph Hilbert Hoffman
 born April 28, 1934
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Minot, North Dakota
 Occupation: Freight Checker
 for Great Northern Railway
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Salem Mennonite Church; at
 Munich, North Dakota; later,
 Christian Missionary Alliance
 Married to Vera Alice Schutz
 on Nov. 25, 1956
 at Minot, North Dakota
 born April 17, 1932
 at Columbus, Nebraska
 Profession: Stenographer
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Lutheran; now, Christian Mis-
 sionary Alliance

6th Generation - Children

Lola Mae
 born Dec. 3, 1961
 at Minot, North Dakota

Rodney Lynn
 born July 7, 1965
 at Minot, North Dakota

4th Generation

Elizabeth Hoffman
 born Dec. 21, 1905
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Peter Harder
 on Nov. 6, 1924
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born March 27, 1900
 at Alsen, North Dakota
 Occupation: Retired Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

5th Generation - Children

Robert Alvin
 born April 30, 1926
 at Munich, North Dakota

Elsie Marie
 born May 30, 1930
 at Munich, North Dakota

Dorothy Mae
 born May 6, 1932
 at Munich, North Dakota

Elaine Elizabeth
 born Jan. 9, 1937
 at Munich, North Dakota

Harold Peter
 born March 30, 1938
 at Munich, North Dakota

Carol
 born March 25, 1941
 at Munich, North Dakota

Darol
 born March 25, 1941
 at Munich, North Dakota

5th Generation

Robert Alvin Harder
 born April 30, 1926
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Hampden, North Dakota
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Lutheran
 Married to Lorrayne Deloris
Gordon on Sept. 11, 1949
 at Alsen, North Dakota
 born March 8, 1928
 at Weaver, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Lutheran

6th Generation - Children

Phillip Wayne
 born May 24, 1950
 at Mercy Hospital in
 Devils Lake, North Dakota

Geryl Douglas
 born Aug. 12, 1951
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Deanna Elizabeth
 born Dec. 21, 1952
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Robert Alvin Junior
 born March 4, 1956
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationElsie Marie Harder

born May 30, 1930

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: 3638 - 9th Ave. N.

Renton, Washington

Occupation: Boeing Construction

Church affil.: Formerly,

none; later, Methodist

Married to Robert James Decker

on Nov. 6, 1953

in the Salem Mennonite Church

in Munich, North Dakota

born Dec. 20, 1930

at Munich, North Dakota

Profession: Hospital Worker

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; now, Methodist

6th Generation - ChildrenRoberta Lynn

born May 10, 1957

at Mem. Hospital,

Mohall, North Dakota

5th GenerationDorothy Mae Harder

born May 6, 1932

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Alsen, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

Married to Orville Lampson

on Oct. 3, 1954

in the Presbyterian Church in

Minot, North Dakota

born March 25, 1924

at Grano, North Dakota

Occupation: Depot Agent

Church affiliation: Formerly,

none; now, Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenPatricia Evonne

born April 19, 1956

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Wesley Mark

born Sept. 21, 1959

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationElaine Elizabeth Harder

born Jan. 9, 1937

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Langdon, North Dakota

Profession: Secretary in

Telephone Office

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Mennonite; now, none given

Married to Robert James Stremick

on April 4, 1959

at St. Michaels Catholic Church

at Grand Forks, North Dakota

born June 8, 1937

at Langdon, North Dakota

Occupation: Laborer

Church affiliation: Always,

Catholic

6th Generation - ChildrenVicki Rae

born Dec. 29, 1959

at Langdon, North Dakota

Debra Kay

born March 31, 1962

at Langdon, North Dakota

5th GenerationHarold Peter Harder

born March 30, 1938

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: None

Married to Barbara June Schraf

on December 5, 1961

at Crookston, Minnesota

born Sept. 15, 1963

at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Catholic; now, none

6th Generation - ChildrenTammie Jo

born July 6, 1962

at Erwin Army Hospital

Ft. Riley, Kansas

Thomas Allen

born June 11, 1963

at Erwin Army Hospital

Ft. Riley, Kansas

Tracy Lynn

born Sept. 16, 1964

at Mercy Hospital

Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationCarol Harder

born March 25, 1941

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Cooperstown, N. D.

Profession: Bank Teller and
BookkeeperChurch affiliation: Formerly,
Mennonite; now, LutheranMarried to Ernest Dean Falde

on June 12, 1963

at Salem Mennonite Church at

Munich, North Dakota

born March 22, 1933

at Hettinger, North Dakota

Occupation: Soil Conservation
TechnicianChurch affiliation: Always,
Lutheran5th GenerationDarol Harder

born March 25, 1941

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: McVile, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: None

Married to Geraldine Stenslie

on Oct. 17, 1964

at McVile, North Dakota

born April 15, 1946

at McVile, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Always,
Lutheran4th GenerationKatherine Hoffman

born April 30, 1908

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

Married to Willard I. Schultz

on Sept. 28, 1933

at Munich, North Dakota

born Feb. 21, 1910

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Christian Missionary Alliance;
later, Mennonite5th Generation - ChildrenMelroy Paul (adopted)

born August 1941

in North Dakota

Lorraine Kay (adopted)

born Dec. 24, 1946

in North Dakota

Present occupation: Student

Church affil.: Mennonite

5th GenerationMelroy Paul Schultz

born August 28, 1941

in North Dakota

Address: Munich, North Dakota

Occupation: Farmer

Church affiliation: Always,

Mennonite

Married to Joy Ruth Wolven

on April 5, 1964

at McFall, Missouri

born Feb. 22, 1943

at

Church affiliation: Baptist

4th GenerationDaniel Hoffman

born May 18, 1913
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Address: Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Farmer
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Frances Dick
 on Oct. 6, 1937
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born July 4, 1916
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenDarlene Joyce

born July 2, 1939
 at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

John Kenneth

born Oct. 12, 1940
 at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Jane Ann

born Dec. 28, 1941
 at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Darol Harry

born Dec. 26, 1943
 at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Shirley Jean

born May 24, 1945
 at Devils Lake, N. Dak.
 Prof.: Registered Nurse
 Church affil.: Always,
 Mennonite

Janice Faye and Jeanette Faye
 (twins)

born April 7, 1949
 at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

5th GenerationDarlene Joyce Hoffman

born July 2, 1939
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Address: Jamestown, North Dak.
 Profession: Bank employee
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Palmer Unruh
 on Oct. 2, 1959
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born May 27, 1932
 at Munich, North Dakota
 Occupation: Shop Foreman
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenRandy Allen

born Dec. 10, 1960
 at Jamestown, North Dakota

Marlene Faye

born May 14, 1963
 at Jamestown, North Dakota

Gail Frances

born Dec. 17, 1958
 at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

5th GenerationJane Ann Hoffman

born Dec. 28, 1941
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Address: Devils Lake, North Dak.
 Profession: Secretary
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite
 Married to Gary Allen Pankratz
 on September 4, 1960
 at Munich, North Dakota
 born August 25, 1938
 at Langdon, North Dakota
 Occupation: Service Station
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite

6th Generation - ChildrenKerwin James

born August 15, 1962
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

Bradley Allen

born Oct. 29, 1964
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota

5th GenerationDarol Harry Hoffman

born Dec. 26, 1943
 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
 Address: Cavalier, North Dakota
 Occupation: Bank Employee
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Mennonite; now, Catholic
 Married to Geraldine Marie Hiltner
 on Jan. 16, 1965
 at Langdon, North Dakota
 born Feb. 3, 1944
 at Langdon, North Dakota
 Profession: Bookkeeper
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Catholic

3rd GenerationIsaac Janzen

born Sept. 2, 1874
 in Russia
 died June 15, 1952
 age: 78 years, 2 months,
 18 days
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Cause of death: Circulatory
 Church affiliation: None given
 (Attended Grace Mennonite
 at Dallas, Oregon)
 Married to Anna Regier
 on Oct. 2, 1894
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 born Sept. 16, 1875
 at Butterfield, Minnesota
 Divorced November 20, 1905
 died when: not known
 in North Dakota
 cause of death: not known
 Age: not known
 Church affiliation: not known
 Married to Elizabeth Sawatzky
 on Nov. 2, 1906
 where: not given
 born Oct. 29, 1885
 in Kansas
 died Jan. 18, 1961
 at Dallas, Oregon
 Age: 75 years, 2 months,
 20 days
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Mennonite; formerly, Salem
 Mennonite in Munich; later,
 Grace Mennonite in Dallas, Ore.
 Cause of death: not given

3rd GenerationElizabeth Janzen

born September 30, 1876
 at Henderson, Nebraska
 Address: Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Church affil.: Formerly,
 Bethesda Menn. in Henderson;
 since 1921, Christian Miss.
 Alliance in Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Married to Peter P. Heide
 on May 17, 1896
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 born January 10, 1873
 in Gnadenheim, Russia
 Occupation: Farming until 1912;
 after that, employed by Imple-
 ment Dealer
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 First Mennonite in Mountain Lake;
 since 1921, Christian Miss.
 Alliance in Mountain Lake, Minn.

4th Generation - ChildrenMarie

born Feb. 12, 1905
 at Cavalier County, N. Dak.



Mrs. Elizabeth Janzen Heide
 She lives now with her daughter
 Mrs. David Schultz on their
 Mountain Lake farm.

4th GenerationMarie E. Heide

born Feb. 12, 1905
 at Cavalier County (Munich)
 North Dakota
 Address: Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Christian Missionary Alliance
 Married to David I. Schultz
 on May 13, 1926
 in parent's home in
 Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 born Jan. 7, 1903
 at Midway Township at
 Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Occupation: Farming
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Christian Missionary Alliance

5th Generation - ChildrenJames Donald

born Sept. 17, 1933
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Grace Viola

born Feb. 2, 1937
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

5th GenerationJames Donald Schultz

born Sept. 17, 1933
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Address: Mankato, Minnesota
 Occupation: Working for Fairmont
 Creamery
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Christian Missionary Alliance
 Married to Marilyn Jean Hoyden
 on Oct. 29, 1955
 in Madilia Presb. Church, Minn.
 born July 24, 1936
 at St. James, Minnesota
 Church affiliation: Formerly,
 Church of Christ; now, Christian
 Missionary Alliance

6th Generation - ChildrenLori Jeanne

born Jan. 7, 1960
 in Swedish Hospital,
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Randall James

born Dec. 7, 1960
 in Swedish Hospital,
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

This picture was taken by APT
 on the farm of David I. Schultz,
 a few miles from Mountain Lake
 in the summer of 1965. From left
 to right: David I. Schultz,
 Mrs. Schultz (Marie E. Heide),
 Grandma Elizabeth Janzen, and
 Grace Viola Schultz (Mrs. Ancel
 J. Strabeck).

5th GenerationGrace Viola Schultz

born Feb. 2, 1937
 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Address: St. James, Minnesota
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Christian Missionary Alliance
 Married to Ancel J. Strabeck
 on Jan. 14, 1962
 in Christian Missionary
 Alliance Church, Mountain Lake
 born June 19, 1927
 at St. James, Minnesota
 Occupation: Hatchery Business
 Church affiliation: Always,
 Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenCynthia Dawn

born March 14, 1963
 at St. James Hospital
 St. James, Minnesota



This picture was taken on
 February 20, 1964. From left
 to right: Ike Peters, Grand-
 ma Peters, John Peters, and
 Aunt Anna (Mrs. C. J. Funk)

3rd GenerationJacob K. Janzen

born Nov. 27, 1878

in York County, Nebraska

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Retired farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly,
First Mennonite in Mount. Lake,

Minn.; now, Grace Mennonite

at Dallas, Oregon

Married to Katharina Peters

on March 5, 1899

at Butterfield, Minnesota

born Sept. 12, 1876

in Watonwan County, Minnesota

died July 20, 1940

in Dallas, Oregon

of a stroke

Age: 63 years, 10 months

Church affiliation: Formerly,
First Mennonite, Mountain Lake,

Minn.; later, Grace Mennonite

Church, Dallas, Oregon

Married to Gertrude (Rempel)

Toews on July 10, 1942

at Dallas, Oregon

born June 28, 1886

in Watonwan County, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Formerly,

Salem Mennonite Church,

Munich, North Dakota; now,

Grace Mennonite Church

at Dallas, Oregon

There were no children of
these marriages.

Jacob K. Janzen had no children
by his first marriage. His
second wife is the former wife
of his cousin, Isaac Toews, the
son of Johan Toews. Isaac died
at Willowbrook, California,
at the age of 55, while en-
gaged in a lumber business.

Mrs. Toews, formerly Gertrude
Rempel, now Mrs. Janzen, was
born at Morse, Saskatchewan,
where the Johan Toews family
located in 1906 when some of
the older children came and
in 1907 when the parents fol-
lowed.

Isaac Toews lived in Morse
until about 1919 when they
moved to Willowbrook, Califor-
nia, where Isaac Toews died
in 1939.

Mrs. Toews, now Mrs. Jacob
Janzen, lived in California
until 1942 when she got mar-
ried to Mr. Janzen, her first
husband's cousin. They now re-
side at 818 Stump St., Dallas,
Oregon. Jacob is getting quite
old and has a full life. He
knows the Peter Toews family
from Manitoba quite well and
reminiscing with him is very
rewarding.

The children of Mrs. Janzen
are:

Harry I. Toews

born July 19, 1913

at Morse, Saskatchewan

Alma Toews

born March 7, 1916

at Morse, Saskatchewan

Gladys Toews

born March 21, 1923

at Compton, California

These children are all mar-
ried but only Alma has
children and grandchildren.
Her children are:

Clara Ann McKinley

born Nov. 20, 1938

at Martinez, Calif.

Darol McKinley

born Sept. 15, 1944

at Martinez, Calif.

These children are both
married but only Clara
has a child.

Randy Ward

born Nov. 9, 1962

at Merced, California

On Oct. 13, 1963 Mrs. Janzen
wrote (now it is May 1967 and
Mr. Janzen is close to 90).

"We went along with John Jan-
zens to church and when we left
the church grounds another car
hit us from the rear quite
hard. Another lady who sat
with me in the back seat, had a
gash on her head, and I had a
big bump on my head. She had
to go to the hospital and I
still go for treatments for my
back. We are improving, but it
could have been worse.

Now we are busy with the nuts
and the grapes. We have enough
potatoes and tomatoes. The
weather is getting cool for the
tomatoes.

Jake is feeling a lot better
and is on the go all the time,
only his arthritis in his
back and knees bothers him.
Sometimes we go to the ocean to
fish."

3rd Generation

Katharina Janzen
born Feb. 14, 1881
at Henderson, Nebr.
Address: Morro Bay, Calif.
Church affiliation: Formerly,
Salem Mennonite Church, Munich,
North Dakota; now, Mennonite
Church in California
Married to John J. Peters
on Dec. 10, 1899
at Butterfield, Minnesota
born April 15, 1878
at Dafur, Minnesota
died March 28, 1960
in Los Angeles, Calif.
of cancer
Age: 80 years, 5 months
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Salem
Mennonite Church at Munich,
North Dakota

4th Generation - Children

Maria
born March 23, 1901
at Munich, North Dakota
John
born September 26, 1902
at Munich, North Dakota
Margaretha
born May 24, 1905
at Munich, North Dakota
Isaac
born March 1, 1907
at Munich, North Dakota
Katharina
born July 10, 1909
at Munich, North Dakota
Peter
born Oct. 8, 1911
at Munich, North Dakota

4th Generation

Maria Peters
born March 23, 1901
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Morro Bay, Calif.
Profession:
Church affiliation:
Married to Mike Neuman
on
at
born
at
died
at
cause of death
Age
Occupation
Church affiliation
Married to
on
at
born
at
Occupation
Church affiliation

5th Generation - Children

4th Generation

John Peters
born September 26, 1902
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Shafter, Calif.
Occupation:
Church affiliation:
Married to
on
at
born
at
Profession
Church affiliation

5th Generation - Children

4th Generation

Margaretha Peters
born May 24, 1905
at Munich, North Dakota
Address:
Profession:
Church affiliation
Married to Nick Neufeld
on
at
born
at
Occupation
Church affiliation

5th Generation - Children

4th Generation

Isaac Peters
born March 1, 1907
at Munich, North Dakota
Address: Shafter, Calif.
Occupation:
Church affiliation:
Married to
on
at
born
at
Profession
Church affiliation

5th Generation - Child.

4th Generation

Katharina Peters
born July 10, 1907
at Munich, North Dakota
Address:
Profession:
Church affiliation
Married to Alex Neufeld
on
at
born
at
Occupation
Church affiliation

5th Generation - Child.

4th Generation

Peter Peters
born Oct. 8, 1911
at Munich, North Dakota
Address:
Occupation
Church affiliation
Married to
on
at
born
at
Profession
Church affiliation

5th Generation - Child.

3rd Generation

Heinrich Janzen
born Dec. 13, 1882
at Henderson, Nebr.
died March 15, 1955
at Devils Lake, N. Dak.
of pneumonia
Age: 72 years, 5 months,
2 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation:
Salem Menn. Church,
Munich
Married to Justina
Penner July 20, 1919
at Munich, North Dakota
born Sept. 25, 1897
at Butterfield, Minn.
Address: Dallas, Ore.
Church affiliation:
Not given

4th Generation - Child.

Alvina
born March 21, 1921
at Munich, North Dakota
Profession: Clerk

Luella
born March 21, 1921
at Munich, North Dakota

4th Generation

Luella Janzen
born March 21, 1921
at Munich, North Dakota
Address:
Profession: Teaching
Church affil.: Not given
Married to Walter Copeland
on
at
born
at
died
at
of
age
Occupation
Church affiliation:

5th Generation - Children

3rd GenerationAnna Janzen

born Sept. 18, 1887

at Munich, North Dakota

Address: Mountain Lake, Minn.

Church affiliation: Formerly, Salem Mennonite Church in Munich; now, the Bethel Mennonite Church in Mountain Lake, Minn.

Married to Cornelius J. Funk on July 8, 1914

at Munich, North Dakota

born on Dec. 24, 1879

at Butterfield, Minnesota

died Feb. 17, 1953

at Harlingen, Texas

of a heart attack

Age: 71 years, 1 month, 23 days

Occupation: Mail carrier and farmer

Church affiliation: Formerly, Salem Mennonite Church at Munich, N. Dak.; later, Bethel Mennonite Church at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

4th Generation - ChildrenAlvina Marie

born Oct. 2, 1915

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Lenora Anna

born August 23, 1918

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Alrow Jacob

born Sept. 12, 1921

at Butterfield, Minnesota



Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Funk.
Taken not long before Mr.
Funk died in 1953.



Mrs. C. J. Funk (Anna Janzen)
in front of her house in 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gradin
Sawatzky (nee Alvina Marie Funk)

4th GenerationAlvina Marie Funk

born Oct. 2, 1915

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Address: Butterfield, Minn.

Church affiliation: Always, Bethel Mennonite Church at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Married to Elmer Gradin

Sawatzky on Oct. 9, 1935

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

born Oct. 4, 1913

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Occupation: Farming

Ch. affil.: Always with the North Menn. Church of

Butterfield

5th Generation - ChildrenCatherine Ann

born Sept. 16, 1936

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Allan Garlan

born Jan. 21, 1939

at Butterfield, Minnesota

5th GenerationCatherine Ann Sawatzky

born Sept. 16, 1936

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Address: St. Paul, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Formerly, the Butterfield Menn. Church; now, Lutheran

Married to Wayne Earl Erickson

on May 13, 1956

at Butterfield, Minnesota

born April 2, 1935

at Hudson, Wisconsin

Occupation: Chemist

Church affiliation: Always, Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenGregory Wayne

born Oct. 6, 1956

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Kristine Kay

born May 23, 1961

at Toledo, Ohio



From left to right:
Mr. Wayne Earl Erickson
Mrs. Erickson (Catherine Funk)



Allan Garlan Sawatzky

4th Generation

Lenora Anna Funk

born August 23, 1918
at Butterfield, Minnesota
Address: Mountain Lake, Minnesota
Church affiliation: Always,
Bethel Mennonite Church in
Mountain Lake, Minnesota
Married to Paul Wieler
on Oct. 7, 1936
at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
born Dec. 22, 1911
at Windom, Minnesota
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Always,
Bethel Mennonite Church in
Mountain Lake, Minnesota

5th Generation - Children

Dorothy Lynn

(stillborn) April 1, 1945
at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Jerilyn Ann

born Jan. 22, 1947
at Mountain Lake, Minnesota
Student at present
Member of Bethel Mennonite Church

Jilaine Fay

born April 20, 1957
at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Jilaine Fay
(left)
and
Jerilyn Ann
Wieler



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wieler
(nee Lenora Funk)



4th Generation

Alrow Jacob Funk

born Sept. 12, 1921

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Address: Dodge Center, Minnesota

Occupation: Carpet and Lino

Sales Service

Church affiliation: None, formerly;
now, Congregational

Married to Phyllis Leone Buckman

on June 8, 1947

at Dodge Center, Minnesota

born Nov. 26, 1927

at St. Paul, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Always,
Congregational



Larry John Funk

5th Generation - Children

Larry John

born Sept. 5, 1948

at Rochester, Minnesota

Student at present

Member of the Congregational
Church



Steven James Funk

Steven James

born Sept. 14, 1951

at Fort Carson, Colorado

Student at present

Member of Congregational
Church



Lynda Lee

born Oct. 5, 1952

at Rochester, Minnesota

Lynda Lee Funk

Abraham W. Toews

Abraham was born on July 5, 1863, in Kleefeld, Russia. His twin brother, Jacob, died when he was 6 months. His immediate sister, Maria (Mrs. Janzen), was 13 years older. He truly was the "baby" of the family.

Abraham was only 4 when his father died and became now still more attached to his mother. His sister, Maria, got married when he was six. For 2 more years, until his mother married again, he was the only child in the house. Abraham's character seems to have been considerably affected by the conditions in his home.

The mother married Jacob Worms, a widower having 4 children, 3 girls and a boy named Jacob. His step-sisters were older than Abraham, who now was 8, but Jacob was 5.

The Jacob Worms family came from Russia in 1877, at the same time as the Quirings, Mother's daughter Anna. Maria, the Janzens came the year before. Worms was one of the pioneers in the early days of Henderson. He was a heavy-set man and one day when he cut grass around the house, he had a heart attack and died suddenly. This was in 1880, only 3 years after coming from Russia. They got married in 1871 and had lived together only 9 years.

When Abraham's stepfather died, he was only 17. Once more he became quite attached to his mother. When Abraham moved later to Oregon, she undertook the long and arduous journey to live with him. Having been a step-son also had left him with a greater awareness of belonging to the other Toewses. He and my father were close and my father went to visit him in Oregon. From Steinbach to Salt Creek, Oregon was a journey requiring a 40-mile trip to Winnipeg, partially by wagon, and many transfers to other trains, and some wagon transport at the Oregon end. Later when the Abraham Toews family lived at Morse, Saskatchewan, he came to visit my parents at Steinbach. I believe this was in 1910 and for us children an important event. One incident my older brother Peter remembered was, that while the parents were sitting in front of the house, a gopher came quite near, and Uncle Abraham, who was very quick, took his cane, threw it, and got the gopher. He was troubled with arthritis and always used a cane. In our estimation, our father had an uncle who was "tops."

Abraham's childhood seems to reflect itself in his later years. Having been the only child in the home after his father died and his older sister, Maria, got married, seems to have left him with a special affinity for his mother. This may have been partially the reason why he married at a compara-

tively early age, a widow 6 years older than he was, and having a son.

We also find that Abraham was a somewhat sensitive person. When he got a stepfather, he had to make considerable adjustments. His sensitive and longing soul found, partially, what it needed when he was baptized in 1883 and accepted into the Henderson Mennonite Church. It is possible that his rheumatic conditions in his later years may have partially stemmed from these earlier years.

Later in Oregon, in his need for internal security, he did not join the Baptist Church nor the Mennonite Brethren Church in Salt Creek, but continued to attend the Mennonite Church at Polk Station, about 4 miles east of Salt Creek which was quite a chore because of hills and at times very bad wagon roads. His son, Abraham M. Toews and family, still belong to the Mennonite Church at Dallas, Oregon. His deceased daughter, Susannah, and family, also mostly belong there.

Of all the Toews families, Peter, the oldest, was the first to come in 1874 and settled in Manitoba. Why he chose Manitoba when there were still so many choice places to go to, remains a question.

The second family to come was the Isaac Janzen family, Maria. They came in 1876 and went to Henderson.

The third and fourth families came in 1877. They were the Johan Quirings, Anna, and the Jacob Worms, Mother and Abraham. They also settled at Henderson.

The Johan Toews family came in 1879 and two years later than the rest of them. They also settled at Henderson, but seemingly did not get a very good start, perhaps because of the later coming. The best lands had been taken by those who came earlier.

In later years, the Toews families, like so many others who had at first come to Henderson, left for lands that were offered from time to time for settlement, both in the United States and in Canada. Both the Burlington in Nebraska and the Santa Fe in Kansas tried to get as much of the immigrant business as possible. In all these places the railroad companies had acquired vast areas which they first sold to the settlers and then made large profits transporting for the settlers. All the Toews families were involved in this settling and re-settling activity.

Early in 1874 the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad got ready for the immigrant business that had now its beginning in Nebraska. Through A. E. Tougalin, the representative of the company, Cornelius Jansen and his son Peter, who had come the year before from Russia, and had temporarily located

at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, many of the Mennonites that came in 1874 were persuaded to settle in Nebraska.

A large group of "Kleingemeinde" settlers who were heading for Manitoba were persuaded by Cornelius Jansen, whose wife was also of Kleingemeinde background, to settle in Nebraska. Jansen's railroad company had large land holdings about 60 miles south of Henderson and that's where these people were settled. This is perhaps one reason why the Peter Toews family got separated.

This Mennonite settlement a little distance from Henderson has always remained a little different. The present town of Beatrice was to the east and Fairbury on the west. The settlement between was called "little Russia." Jansen disposed of 20,000 acres to his settler friends and the street or road running through this "little Russia" was called "Russian lane." In time Jansen and his family became rather influential and wealthy through these deals.

It is to the credit of Peter Jansen that into the deed for every lot that he sold, he wrote the stipulation that no saloon could be built thereon. And so Mennonite village became one of the first saloonless towns in that state, which was one of the pioneer states to engage in the fight against the liquor traffic. The town was settled exclusively by Mennonites and in the course of time developed into one of the most progressive towns in that part of the state.

The town of Jansen, as later this "little Russia" was called, was the initial step to the immigration of Mennonites into Nebraska. In the fall of 1874, a second Mennonite settlement was begun about 60 miles northwest from Jansen, in York and Hamilton counties. The closest town to this settlement was Sutton which was in the heart of a German Russian Lutheran colony established a year before. The land here also had been purchased from the Burlington and Missouri at a price a little higher than that of the Santa Fe in Kansas.

All the settlers coming first to Henderson came from the Molotschna area in Russia. Sometimes whole villages would pack up and leave the country as was the case with the village of Alexanderwohl. The businessmen of Lincoln welcomed these settlers and gave them lodging in the Lincoln public buildings. The Mennonite settlers were so well received that even a few Alexanderwohlers stayed while the main body went on to Newton, Kansas to start the Alexanderwohl colony there. These first immigrant stages during the fall of 1874 and 1875 had been completed when our first Toewses came in 1876.

When the Worms came in 1877 Abraham Toews was 14. They had to wait at Lincoln five weeks in railroad housing before

they could move to their lands at Sutton. Land nearer the Blue River sold for \$9.00 an acre, but most likely Worms paid \$4.00 an acre, the price for land further away from the river. The Lutheran settlers further to the North were handled in the same manner. Some of these people still have their post office at Sutton, or not far away Lushton.

By 1878 enough Mennonites had settled in the area to farm their own town called Henderson, named after one of the earlier settlers. This place still is the centre of the Mennonite settlement.

Neither of these two Nebraska colonies had a very rapid growth during the first years. One of the objections to Nebraska, often emphasized by those interested in other states, was, that water could be secured only from deep wells. To overcome this the Burlington finally agreed to furnish a deep well for every 160-acre farm.

Isaac Peters who had cast his lot with the Nebraska settlers and later was elected their minister, wrote to Leonard Suderman, who had served with Bernhard Warkentin as deputies in 1873: "There is too much 'Agenterei' (salesmanship) in all this." Land salesmen said that the settlers close to the Blue River were drowned out and those further away dried out. It is not surprising that settlers began to move hither and thither for some time until they finally got settled. This included our families. They went further and further west and under this pressure the Indians had to withdraw under protest.

It is perhaps in place at this time to state the overall reasons why so many Mennonites fanned out in all directions, taking up new lands. Our Toewses were affected by these movements as much, if not more, as the rest. There were four main reasons.

- 1) The Union Pacific Railroad had been completed in 1869. Before it could do much to expand the economy, the aftermath of the Civil War gripped the country and brought the whole into a severe slump. The financial panic of 1873 caused a standstill in the country's economic expansion which lasted into the 1880's.

Abraham Toews got married in 1889 to Susanna Nachtigal, nee Warkentin, a widow with one boy, Jacob. They both came to Sutton (Nebraska) with their parents in 1877 and were baptized in 1883 into the General Conference Church. Most likely the course of events in the development of the country and in the family synchronized and resulted in yielding to the urge to venture and to make good elsewhere.

2) All adventuresome spirits in those days were stimulated by the Indian wars and consequent opening up the country to white settlers. Indian rebellions and wars became increasingly serious after the American Civil War (1861-65). As the Mennonites came from Russia, the government, the railroads and land companies, drove the Indians further and further west. As the Indians receded, the Mennonites and other settlers eagerly occupied their lands and drove the Indians ever more back into the wilderness that still might remain or to reservations the government set up for them.

The Modoc War (1874-75) and the Shoshone War (1877-78) were marked by fierce battles and widespread destruction. Many Indian engagements were fought in the 1870's when the tribes were being forced to move to reservations. With this, a new era of expansion in population and economic activity began for Oregon. In the two decades between 1870 and 1900 the population in Oregon increased from 90,923 to 413,536. Oregon was among the first states to enact many presently accepted devices of government and indeed became an attraction to many enterprising immigrants who recently had come from Europe.

3) Another reason for Abraham moving west may have been what happened in Oregon where Abraham Toews and his family settled. Salt Creek, where he settled, was about 10 miles from Dallas, which in 1889, the year before the Toews family moved, had about 1000 people. The Methodist circuit riders started to serve their settlers in the bush in the Dallas area in 1854 and built their first church in 1858. In an exemplary manner to the Mennonites, they opened their church to the Presbyterians in 1889 and assisted them in organizing their own church.

Salt Creek had a few settlers when the Toews came in 1890, but these were not Mennonites and they did not join their church. Mennonites came a little later from Canada and Nebraska. Being the first ones to go to a new country was one of the Toews characteristics. They did this in Oregon, 12 years later in Washington and 16 years later in Canada.

4) Abraham and his brothers loved to participate in pioneering. The opportunities new settlements offered lured them. The pioneer farm of the Toews at Salt Creek is right in the middle of the settlement. The tombstones on the cemetery not far from their house go back to 1847. Their first farm was rented and located about a mile southward of the cemetery. Later they bought a large farm of about 150 acres and built a large barn which is still being used. He had a large herd of cattle and used the barn for his cows and the feed that he raised. It is now owned by a non-Mennonite.

It is most likely that the Toews were attracted to Oregon

by earlier Mennonite settlements. The first and largest Oregon Mennonite Church was established in 1887. This was at Eugene about 75 miles from Salt Creek. The second Mennonite group was the Mennonite General Conference group at Pratum, about 20 miles on the other side of Salem. These people came about at the time of Abram Toews.

About a year after the Toews came, several Mennonite Brethren from Manitoba and the Middle States moved to Oregon. Those coming from Manitoba had come to their faith through the ministry of Elder Heinrich Voth from Minnesota. He came to visit them in 1891, gathered them together, and organized a temporary M. B. church. This group lost several members and dissolved in 1896. The German Baptists had evangelized the area by Rev. Schunke and the Mennonites leaning in their direction joined them.

Several families of the Pratum General Conference Mennonite Church moved to Polk Station, 4 miles east of Salt Creek, the same year that the Toews came. These, with a few that had moved into the area, like the Toews, formed the Polk Station Mennonite Church to which the Toews family always belonged. This church later dissolved when it was reorganized as the Grace Mennonite Church of Dallas in 1932. Abraham M. Toews and a large portion of his family still belong to it. Other descendants also belong here.

In 1902 Abraham Toews sold out in Oregon and tried the open wheat country again. He moved to Odessa, Washington, about 50 miles west of Spokane, now the choicest wheat-growing area in the country. They had good judgment in locating here but found the beginning difficult for lack of capital and Mennonite neighbors. In the spring of 1906 they moved to Morse, Saskatchewan where they had wheat-growing land in the middle of a thriving Mennonite settlement.

During the summer of 1906 the prairie was burned black and Toews' little sod buildings were barely saved by plowing around them. The settlers all did this if they had time. In the fall when the Johan Toews came from Minnesota they found everything burned except the spot where Abraham had built.

Farming at this time became quite difficult for Abraham. His rheumatism made it difficult for him to get around. When he visited my parents in Manitoba in 1910 he walked with a cane. Abraham J. Toews, the son of Johan Toews, helped him by setting up the implements for Abraham M. Toews, his son. He got around in the buggy. The family belonged to the Herbert General Conference Mennonite Church.

Perhaps the most important years in the Abraham Toews

ABRAHAM TOEWS

family were those spent in Oregon. Most of the family is back there and it seems that all of them have their roots in these years. Milder climate, mountains and ocean make a difference.

Abraham M. Toews still speaks with vivid recollections about going up Bunter Hill 2 miles west of Salt Creek with horses over dirt roads. This hill rises about 1000 feet and surely must have been quite a task with horses. The whole area was heavily forested and the road wound around the edge. Heavy rains and snowfall at times made travel practically impossible.

At the bottom of the hill stands the small one-roomer the children attended. It was a 2-mile walk, most of the time quite wet. They walked barefoot. Trees and grass still grow in the place where the school stood. At the present, Salt Creek is located in the middle of a prune-growing area. It was only a few years later that prunes were introduced and had the Toewses waited a little longer they, no doubt, would have much profited by this new crop.

Abraham M. Toews, the son of Abraham W. Toews, took up a homestead in Saskatchewan with his father and stepbrother, Jacob Nachtigal, who was a little older. Abraham got married in 1914 and soon moved back to Oregon where he still resides with most of his family.

Abraham W. Toews died in 1919. The last 6 years he could not walk. They helped him into the buggy to see what the boys were doing in the field. He got sick on Jan. 28 and died on March 6 at the age of 55.

Mother Toews, nee Susannah Warkentin (Nachtigal) was born in Paulsheim, Russia, about 15 miles from where Abraham was born. Her parents came together with Abraham's parents in 1877. Abraham then was 14 and she was 20. They were both baptized in 1883 by the well-known minister, Christian Showalter, and received into the Henderson Mennonite Church. They lived 35 years together and Mother also died at Morse, Saskatchewan, at the age of 74. They are both buried in the Morse cemetery.

2nd Generation

Abraham W. Toews

born July 17, 1863
in Kleefeld, South Russia
died April 2, 1919
in Morse, Saskatchewan
Cause of death: Severe
rheumatoid arthritis
Age: 55 years, 8 months,
16 days
Occupation: Farmer
Church affiliation: Henderson
and other Mennonite General
Conference Churches
Married to Susannah Warkentin
(Nachtigal) on Dec. 2, 1884
at Henderson, Nebr.
born Dec. 21, 1857
at Paulsheim, South Russia
died Aug. , 1932
at Morse, Saskatchewan
Age: 74 years, 8 months, 1 day
Church affiliation: Baptized
in the Mennonite Gen. Conf.
Church in Henderson and member
of other Menn. Gen. Conf. Ch.



This is the tombstone of Abraham W. Toews as it now appears in the Morse cemetery.

3rd Generation - Children

Susie

born Mar. 24, 1886
at Henderson, Nebraska
died July 9, 1953
at Salem, Oregon

Abraham

born Nov. 29, 1887
at Henderson, Nebraska
Still living, March 1966
at Dallas, Oregon

Elizabeth

born Sept. 11, 1889
at Henderson, Nebr.
died Feb. 2, 1945
at Waldeck, Saskatchewan

Maria

born April 25, 1893
at Dallas, Oregon
died Nov. 4, 1954
at Claishohn, Alberta

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Jacob Nachtigal

born at Henderson - of Mother's
first marriage. Last where-
abouts is B.C. Died recently.

*Annie

born Sept. 4, 1899
at Dallas, Oregon
Died Dec. 31, 1957
at Crescent City, Calif.

Matth. 28, 19. 20. **Geht hin in alle Welt und lehret alle Völker, und taufet sie**
 im Namen des Vaters, des Sohnes, und des Heiligen Geistes, und lehret sie halten alles,
 was Ich euch befohlen habe."—Matth. 28, 19. 20. Marc. 16, 15, 16. Römer 8, 28.

Mein Erlöser, der du mich
 Dir zum Eigentum erkaufst;
 Als dein Diener bin auch ich
 Also auf dein Wort getauftet.
 Will nur, daß ich dich bekehre,
 Daß du werden, was ich heiße.

Will, daß ich mit Achtsamkeit
 Meinen Taufbund oft betrachte,
 Und nur das zu jeder Zeit
 Für Gedenken und Freude achte,
 Daß ich deines Vaters Willen
 Treulich suche zu erfüllen.



Diese Erde, Gut und Ruhm
 Bleibt im Tode doch zurück;
 Nur ein wahres Christentum
 Führt uns nach zum ew'gen Glück.
 Davon ist auch nach dem Sterben
 Ewig Segen zu erben.

Laß mich denn, wie Dir's gefällt,
 Deinem Dienst, Herr ganz ergeben,
 Und entfernt vom Sinn, der Welt,
 Als dein treuer Jünger leben;
 Daß ich einst auch, wann ich sterbe,
 Das verheißene Leben erbe.

Geboren den 21^{ten} August 1854 ist den 20^{ten} Januar 1878
 in Polk Station, Polk County, Iowa

im Namen des **Freieinigigen Gottes** getauft worden,
 welches hierdurch glaubwürdig bescheinigt wird.

Am 54, 10.

Christian Schowalter

Verträgt und zu haben von J. G. Stauffer, Milford Square, Pa.



This is the original General Conference church building in which the Abraham Toews family worshipped. It was moved a few hundred feet to the left from its original place where we now have tall grass. It is now used as a home.



The place where the first Polk Station church stood. The big tree is still there.

This is a pretty baptismal certificate which was given to Mother Toews by Christian Schowalter, the minister who baptized her.



From left to right: Maria (Rempel) Elizabeth (Paul) Father Toews, Jacob Nachtigal (stepson) Mother Toews with Anna on her lap. Back of Mother is Susie and on the outside is Abraham (now living in Dallas, Oregon).



This is the Salt Creek cemetery. Abraham Toews lived about a mile to the left of this picture, at the other end of the valley. His land was in the valley where he raised hops and cattle. He rented the first farm but later he bought his own land, about 150 acres. This farm was towards the right of the cemetery and right in the heart of the Salt Creek settlement.



The tombstone in front dates back to 1847. The first Mennonite names appeared in the 1890's.



The barn Abraham Toews built. Back of the barn is their farm. The place is now owned by a non-Mennonite. The place Abraham Toews first rented is about a mile to the right.

This picture shows the cemetery and the valley in which Abraham Toews lived at first on rented land. The house was at the back of the valley nestled in the trees. In the fields in front he grew hops and feed for the cattle.





Abraham M. Toews, son of Abraham W. Toews, stands on the yard of his father's former place in Salt Creek. At the back, in the valley below, we see the grounds Abraham Toews rented when he first came. The place where Abraham stands is on the yard of the farm he bought later. The patch with tall trees was their garden and the house was to the front.



The Dallas courthouse. A block to the rear is the General Conference Mennonite Church; about 5 blocks to the rear and right is the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, and about 5 blocks to the front and right is the Mennonite Brethren Church. Lately the General Conference Mennonite Church has been moved to the Salem-Dallas road, close to the home of Abraham M. Toews, son of Abraham W. Toews.



This is the grave of Abraham W. Toews in the Morse, Saskatchewan cemetery. Back of the cemetery is the town of Morse. Mrs. Toews is buried a few graves to the left. In Saskatchewan he belonged to the Herbert General Conference Mennonite Church. All his children got married in Canada except Abraham who married a girl from Butterfield, Minn.

The first permanent settler in the Dallas area was George Gay who came in 1835. Before him, Hudson Bay hunters and trappers from Vancouver had come down this far. As usual, the missionaries were first to establish a station here in 1834.

Gay, a sailor, left his boat in a California port, made his way up the coast and settled in the Northwest part of the county. At that time Yamhill district included all territory west of the Willamette River to the Pacific Ocean.

The earliest settlers found only Indian trails. In 1843 and 1844, enough settlers came to bring the population of Oregon up almost to 1000. Portland had only one log cabin which belonged to a French trapper. Polk County was carved out of the big Yamhill District in 1845 and was named after President Polk. Oregon became a state in 1858.

The Dallas Courthouse has an interesting history. In 1850, the county seat was established at Cynthian, now North Dallas. In 1851 a two-story courthouse, 30' x 24', at the cost of \$750.00 was erected. An addition was built in 1855.

In 1855 a petition favored moving the courthouse across Rickreall Creek, to its present place. When attempts to build a new courthouse in 1889 and again in 1890 failed, somebody lit it in 1898 making it imperative to the present courthouse which was finished in 1900. Five hangings and one lynching have taken place in Polk County.

Polk County got its first railroad in 1880. The station was 4 miles from where Abraham Toews settled and most likely determined his location. The year 1890, when Abraham Toews came, orchards were introduced. The first fruit farms were planted at Independence about 20 miles away. It was in the '90's that hops and Italian prunes became the main crops. Abraham Toews raised hops but apparently did not go into prune raising.

Sheep, cattle and goats were the main sources of income. But there was also quite a bit of wheat. Timber was plenty but logging methods were primitive. A good part of the year was quite wet. I remember my father telling us that Uncle Abraham got rheumatism from working in the wet hopyards.

Reading about the start of Monmouth, a settlement about 15 miles from Salt Creek, gives us an idea of the spirit that moved many of the first settlers. We read that the Monmouth settlers left by covered wagon from Monmouth, Illinois on April 13, 1852 under the direct leadership of Rev. John E. Murphy. Before the wagon caravan left, he, the other leaders and relatives and their families assembled for a hymn, Bible reading and prayer. Then the white top wagons began to move slowly westward.

The hardships encountered on the way were many but not unusual for the time. They reached their destination, now the town of Monmouth in the choice Willamette valley, in August, a 5-month journey.

The Toews came to this far-western settlement founded in this spirit. Many Mennonites brought with them more of the same spirit. To this day it expresses itself in our younger generations. Several of our Toews descendants have made good materially and spiritually. They have good homes and farms and several of them are preachers and elders of the churches.

3rd Generation

Susan Toews

born March 24, 1886
at Henderson, Nebraska
died July 9, 1953
at Salem, Oregon
of gall bladder after a long illness
Age: 67 years, 3 months, 16 days
Church affiliation: Always Mennonite
Married to Neil Hector McFadyen
on July 25, 1907
at Dallas, Oregon
born Nov. 5, 1885
at Saltcoats, Minnesota
died Feb. 14, 1958
at Salem, Oregon
Age: 72 years, 3 months, 9 days
Occupation: Machinist
Church affiliation: None
Separated in 1928

4th Generation - Children

Helen Gertrude

born Aug. 24, 1909
in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
died Dec. 21, 1936
in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Emma Lucile

born Feb. 17, 1911
at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

John Elmore

born April 28, 1912
at Parkbeg, Saskatchewan
died July 28, 1958
at Waterloo, Iowa

Mary Edith

born July 7, 1913
at Parkbeg, Saskatchewan

Orval Paul

born Oct. 24, 1918
at Napa, Napa Co., California

4th GenerationHelen Gertrude McFadyen

born August 24, 1909

at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

died Dec. 21, 1936

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

Cause:

Church affil.: United Church
of Canada

Age: 27 years, 3 months, 27 days

Married to Robert Bates

on October , 1936

at Winnipeg, Manitoba

born

at

Occupation:

Church affiliation:

4th GenerationEmma Lucille McFadyen

born Feb. 17, 1911

at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Address: 2149 W. 59th Ave.

Vancouver, B. C.

Church affil.: Before marriage,
United Church of Canada; after
marriage, also United Church, in
1955 became a BaptistMarried to James Allen Upton

on Jan. 25, 1932

at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

born Jan. 11

at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Church affil.: Formerly, United
Church of Canada; now, Baptist4th GenerationJohn Elmore McFadyen

born April 28, 1913

at Parkbeg, Saskatchewan

Address: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Occupation: Owner of the
McFadyen Automatic Heating Co.Church affiliation: Always,
PresbyterianMarried to Alice Dykstra

on May 10, 1934

at Canton, South Dakota

born Aug. 8, 1913

at Racine, Wisconsin

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Dutch Reformed; now, Pres-
byterian5th Generation - ChildrenJohn Richard

born Nov. 25, 1945

at Sioux City, Iowa

Karen Rose

born Feb. 20, 1937

at Sioux City, Iowa

5th Generation - ChildrenJohn Allan

born March 17, 1944

at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Arlene Joyce

born Nov. 2, 1934

at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Present address: Haney, B. C.

This poem was sent by Alice McFadyen

Though you know every root of your family tree
And know every branch of its crown,
You may be assured no two will agree
On the fruit that tree has cast down.

Though you know yourself the best in the world,
You are never sure who you are;
For I will see just a little girl,
Though you live beyond life's par.

Yet the grandchild you one day may know
Can never see you by light,
There's no place on earth where he may go
To gain the point of my sight.

As we live a life upon this world
We are never twice the same.
Just once can you be a baby girl
Yet as grandma you'll carry the name.

Whatever you are as you're reading now,
You never again can be;
Still you'll go forth, over life's brow,
As a little bit of me.

Signed "Grandpa"

5th GenerationKaren Rose McFadyen

born Nov. 20, 1937

at Sioux City, Iowa

Address: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Church affil.: Before marriage,
none; now, LutheranMarried to Mervin Eugene Husome
on May 18, 1957

at Cedar Falls, Iowa

born July 14, 1938

at Hanlontown, Iowa

Church affil.: Always, Lutheran

6th Generation - ChildrenTamara Sue

born March 10, 1958

at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Steven John

born July 4, 1960

at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Julie Anne

born Oct. 23, 1964

at Cedar Falls, Iowa

David Mervin

born Dec. 25, 1965

at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Below are a few excerpts from letters we received:

"My husband and I will be most pleased to have you visit with us in our home at any time that you can make it. Please don't ever get near Sacramento without stopping by. With our family of six children we don't get a lot of visiting done, but we hope to make a trip to Canada this summer. I'm sure that it will not give us enough time to visit all of the relatives along the way, so any of them that we can meet here we will surely welcome. Auf wiedersehn."

"I just returned from a trip to Mesa, Arizona, to a Hastings family reunion and a visit with our daughter in Provo, Utah, at our church college. It was very nice. I was gone ten days, but I was real glad to be back home.

"I hope you will be able to carry on this good work. I'm sorry we're not more of a help. We really do want to thank you for all of your work on this Toews line. Too many people don't care about their ancestry and I feel it is a real loss for them. When I've tried to get information on my own, I don't get very far. I look forward to finding the connections in the book."

4th GenerationMary Edith McFadyen

born Sept. 7, 1913

at Parkbag, Saskatchewan

Address: Salem, Oregon

Church affiliation: Before
marriage, Nazarene Church;
after marriage, First Baptist
Church of SalemMarried to Paul Rudolph Taves

on Dec. 5, 1936

at the Nazarene Church in

Salem, Oregon

born at Aberdeen, Idaho

on Oct. 30, 1912

Occupation: Deputy County

Assessor, Salem, Oregon

Church affiliation: Formerly,
Nazarene Church at Salem;later, First Baptist Church,
Salem, Oregon

5th Generation - ChildrenJames Paul

born Aug. 16, 1941

at Salem, Oregon

Patricia Ann

born Aug. 8, 1943

at Salem, Oregon

5th GenerationPatricia Ann Taves

born Aug. 8, 1943

at Salem, Oregon

Address: Salem, Oregon

Church affil.: Formerly,
and after marriage, the Salem
First Baptist ChurchMarried to David Lynn Mendenhall
on June 12, 1965

at the First Baptist Church,

Salem, Oregon

born Oct. 13, 1944

at Portland, Oregon

Church affil.: Always, the
Parkrose Friends Church,
Portland, Oregon

Althea and Orval have given much assistance in formulating this account. They were most hospitable and had Mrs. Toews and myself in their house for the night. They took us the next day to the Sacramento State

House Library to do some duplicating for this book. This library has the Mennonite Encyclopedia and from it Althea gleaned all kinds of information about the Toews. We were impressed by the interest shown by one who had come into the clan by way of the marriage door. Thank you again.

4th GenerationOrval Paul McFadyen

born Oct. 24, 1918

at Napa, California

Address: 4513 A Parkway
Sacramento 23, Calif.

Occupation: Jeweler

Church affil.: Before mar.,
Baptist; after mar., Latter
Day Saint (Mormon)Married to Althea Bradshaw

on August 20, 1942

at Ann Arbor, Michigan

born Jan. 30, 1924

at Virgin, Utah

Profession: Secretary

Church affiliation: Always,
Latter Day Saint (Mormon)

5th Generation - ChildrenCarol Lynn

born April 1, 1947

at Sacramento, Calif.

Now attending University at
Provo, UtahChurch affiliation: Latter
Day Saint (Mormon)John Rodney

born June 27, 1949

at Sacramento, Calif.

Gary Paul

born June 16, 1951

at Sacramento, Calif.

Susan Jane

born Dec. 29, 1953

at Sacramento, Calif.

Eileen Belle

born Feb. 16, 1955

at Sacramento, Calif.

Bruce Neil

born June 29, 1958

at Sacramento, Calif.

3rd GenerationAbraham M. Toews

born Nov. 29, 1887

at Henderson, Nebraska

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Retired Farmer

Church affiliation: Always, the

General Conference Mennonite

Married to Agnes Fast

on Dec. 16, 1914

at Butterfield, Minnesota

born Jan. 23, 1896

at Aurora, Nebraska

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

4th Generation - ChildrenTheodore Abraham

born April 14, 1916

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Edward E.

born Oct. 1, 1919

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Laurena Marie

born Nov. 4, 1922

at Moose Jaw, Sask.

John R.

born May 5, 1925

at Dallas, Oregon

died May 7, 1925

at Dallas, Oregon

Frieda Ann

born Jan. 18, 1927

at Dallas, Oregon

Agnes Mabel

born May 12, 1928

at Dallas, Oregon

Abraham J.

born Dec. 10, 1932

at Dallas, Oregon

4th GenerationTheodore Abraham Toews

born Aug. 14, 1916

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Address: Fremont, Nebraska

Occupation: Watkins Dealer

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

Married to Martha May Janzen

on April 19, 1944

at Dallas, Oregon

born March 4, 1918

at Frazer, Montana

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

No children

We all know that our elderly German housewives are good cooks, as a rule. The writer knows this; his wife is as good a cook as any. Well, Mrs. A. M. Toews here at Dallas went all out and took her electric mixer and won 14 blue and nine red ribbons in the baking contest at our Community Fair. Congratulations, Mrs. Toews.

Today the Oregon State Fair starts. The fair management expect more than 200,000 to attend during the nine days.

ABRAHAM TOEWS

Abraham M. Toews, 79, Dallas, died at his home on Monday after a short illness.

Mr. Toews was born in Henderson, Nebr., Nov. 29, 1887, the son of Abraham and Susana Warrentin Toews.

On December 16, 1914 he married Agnes Fast in Butterfield, Minn. They resided in Butterfield until 1924 when they moved to Dallas. Mr. Toews had spent most of his life in the farming industry. He was a member of the Mennonite church of Herbert, Sask., Canada, and the Grace Mennonite church of Dallas.

4th GenerationEdward Hartley Toews

born Oct. 1, 1919

at Butterfield, Minnesota

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Carpenter

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

Married to Dorothy Leisy

on Feb. 22, 1946

at Dallas, Oregon

born Aug. 11, 1922

at Salem, Oregon

died July 30, 1946

of cancer

at Dallas, Oregon

Age: 21 years, 11 months,

19 days

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

Married to Susie Dick

on June 11, 1948

at Dallas, Oregon

born July 9, 1927

at Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenMary Jane

born April 30, 1949

at Dallas, Oregon

Marjorie Joyce

born Sept. 23, 1951

at Omaha, Nebraska

Michael John

born Feb. 5, 1955

at Paso Robles, Calif.

4th GenerationLaurena Marie Toews

born Nov. 4, 1922

at Morse, Saskatchewan

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

Married to Herman P. Schrag

on Feb. 11, 1944

at Dallas, Oregon

born Feb. 3, 1922

at

Occupation: Dry Cleaner

Church affiliation: Always,

General Conference Mennonite

5th Generation - ChildrenDale Edward

born April 9, 1945

at Dallas, Oregon

Temporary occupation:

College Student

Church affiliation: General

Conference Mennonite

Donald James

born Oct. 6, 1947

at Dallas, Oregon

Temporary occupation: High

School Student

Church affiliation: General

Conference Mennonite

Lynette Marie

born May 6, 1951

at Dallas, Oregon

4th GenerationFrieda Ann Toews

born Jan. 18, 1927

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Church affiliation: Always,

Grace Mennonite at Dallas

Married to Herman Dancel Fast

on August 16, 1944

at Dallas, Oregon

born April 13, 1924

at Wako, Texas

Occupation: Machinist

Church affiliation: Always,

Grace Mennonite at Dallas, Ore.

5th Generation - ChildrenDonna Joy

born Sept. 11, 1945

at Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Librarian

Church affiliation: Grace

Mennonite at Dallas, Ore.

Gordon Lee

born April 7, 1948

at Dallas, Oregon

Gaylene Joyce

born March 27, 1952

at Dallas, Oregon

Jason Dean

born Feb. 6, 1957

at Dallas, Oregon

4th GenerationAgnes Mabel Toews

born May 12, 1928

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Eugene, Oregon

Church affiliation: Formerly,

General Conference Mennonite;

now, Evangelical United Brethren

Married to Albert Warkentin

on Sept. 1, 1950

at Dallas, Oregon

born Dec. 19, 1925

at Newton, Kansas

Occupation: Railroad Switchman

Church affiliation: Before

marriage, Presbyterian; after

marriage, Evangelical United

Brethren

5th Generation - ChildrenBonnie Kay

born Nov. 16, 1962

at Salem, Oregon

Richard

born June 4, 1956

at Salem, Oregon

Barbara Jean

born Oct. 12, 1962

at Eugene, Oregon

4th GenerationAbraham J. Toews

born Dec. 10, 1932

at Dallas, Oregon

Address: Dallas, Oregon

Occupation: Machine Operator

Church affiliation: Formerly,

General Conference Mennonite;

now, Christian Missionary

Alliance

Married to Dons Darlene Balzer

on April 25, 1952

at Dallas, Oregon

born Nov. 14, 1934

at Meade, Kansas

Church affiliation: Always,

Christian Missionary Alliance

5th Generation - ChildrenRandy Douglas

born April 23, 1953

at Dallas, Oregon

died April 23, 1953

at Dallas, Oregon

Cynthia Jo

born June 17, 1954

at Dallas, Oregon

June Arlene

born June 1, 1956

at Dallas, Oregon

Jonathan Curtis

born Nov. 3, 1959

at Dallas, Oregon

3rd GenerationElizabeth Toews

born Sept. 21, 1889

at Henderson, Nebraska

died February 2, 1945

at Waldeck, Saskatchewan

Age: 55 years, 4 months,

11 days

Church affiliation:

Married to William GordenPaul on

at

born Aug. 25, 1886

at

died on

at

Age:

Occupation:

Church affiliation:

4th Generation - ChildrenWilliam Stewart

born Oct. 11, 1911

at

James Abraham

born May 12, 1913

at

Gordon Neil

born Nov. 5, 1915

at

Jack Cuthbert

born June 17, 1918

at

Agnes Susan

born August 1, 1920

at

Annie Jean and OgilvieMcIntyre (twins)

born May 20, 1925

at

(died at birth)

Allan Eugene

born Aug. 9, 1928

at

Obviously these records are incomplete.

3rd GenerationMaria Toews

born April 25, 1894

at Dallas, Oregon

died Nov. 4, 1954

at Claishohn, Alberta

Age: 60 years, 6 months, 9 days

Church affiliation: United Church

of Canada before and after marriage

Married to David Rempel

on November 1913

at Morse, Saskatchewan

born Oct. 9, 1885

at Gretna, Manitoba

died

at Clarshon, Alberta

Occupation:

Church affiliation: Always

United Church of Canada

4th Generation - ChildrenWilbert Raymond

born Oct. 8, 1915

at Morse, Saskatchewan

Living now at Red Deer, Alberta

Fern Esther

born July 24, 1918

at Morse, Saskatchewan

4th GenerationFern Esther Rempel

born July 24, 1918

at Morse, Saskatchewan

Address: Claresholm, Alberta

Church affiliation: United

Church of Canada

Married to Mr. Wing

on

at

Occupation:

Church affiliation:

5th Generation - ChildrenDennis and Buon (twins)

born Jan. 15, 1946

at Claresholm, Alberta

Allison

born July 21, 1954

at Claresholm, Alberta

3rd GenerationAnna Esther Toews

born Sept. 4, 1899

at Dallas, Oregon

died Dec. 31, 1957

at Crescent City, California

of pneumonia

Age: 58 years, 3 months, 27 days

Church affiliation: Mennonite

Married to Neil Hector McFadyen

on February 26, 1938

in Alabama

born Nov. 5, 1885

at Saltcoats, Minnesota

died Feb. 14, 1958

at Salem, Oregon

of pneumonia

Age: 72 years, 3 months, 9 days

Occupation: Machinist

Church affiliation: None

No children

STATISTICS

The following pages we have a statistical breakdown of some of the foregoing material.

The analysis could have gone into much greater detail but for an initial attempt this will perhaps suffice.

The principle followed in these analyses revolves around three main topics:

- (1) the number of descendants
- (2) a breakdown of occupations
- (3) a breakdown of church affiliations

Each family has its own statistical record and following those are the summations of the statistical compilations.

A. The Original Peter Toews Family

- 1. The number of children - 10
- 2. Occupation - farming
- 3. Church affiliation - Mennonite

B. The Following Generations

I. The Peter Toews Family # 1

Of these children, 8 got married and had their own families

- (1) Elizabeth Toews
(Mrs. Johan Reimer)

a) Descendants 331

b) Occupations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Construction	4	5
Doctors	1	1
Farmers	44	50
Housewives	6	7
Industry	4	5
Laborers	4	5
Mechanics	3	4
Ministers and missionaries .	4	5
Nurses	2	2
Plumbers	3	4
Sewing	1	1
Students	1	1
Teachers	5	6
Telephone	3	4
Trucking	2	2

c) Church affiliations

<u>Denomination</u>		
Anglican	1	9
Mennonite	97	89
None	9	9
United Church of Canada . .	1	1

- (2) Anna Toews
(Mrs. Cor. B. Loewen)

a) Descendants 245

b) Occupations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	2	2
Artists	1	1
Bankers	3	3
Business	17	14
Construction	3	3
Doctors	3	3
Farmers	21	18
Housewives	14	12
Industry	1	1
Labor	5	4
Lawyers	1	1
Mechanics	1	1
Missionaries and Ministers	4	3
Morticians	3	3
Nurses	9	8
Railroaders	1	1
Secretaries	2	2
Social workers	1	1
Students	17	14
Surveyors	1	1
Teachers	8	7
Truckers	1	1

c) Church affiliation

Baptist	4	4
Congregational	1	1
Evangelical Free Church	8	8
Lutheran	1	1
Menmonite	80	72
None	10	9
United Church of Canada	7	6

3) Katharina Toews
(Mrs. Cornelius Kroeker)

a) Descendants 296

b) Occupations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Actuarists	1	1
At home	3	3
Bankers	3	3
Business	9	8
Construction	12	11
Farmers	29	26
Finance	1	1
Government employ	3	3
Housewives	16	14
Industrial workers	3	3
Mechanics	3	3
Ministers and missionaries	5	5
Secretaries	3	3
Social Work	1	1
Students	12	11
Teachers	3	3
Technicians	1	1

c) Church affiliation

<u>Denominations</u>		
Calvary Church	1	1
Catholic	1	1
Don't know	3	3
Evangelical Free Church	8	7
Lutheran	5	5
Menmonites	65	60
None	14	13
Salvation Army	2	2
United Church of Canada	10	9

(4) Peter Toews(a) Descendants112(b) Occupations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	2	4
Artists	1	2
At home	1	2
Bankers	3	6
Business	7	14
Construction	1	2
Doctors	2	4
Druggists	1	2
Farmers	4	8
Finance	2	4
Housewives	4	8
Industry	6	12
Minister, Missionaries	4	8
Nurses	1	2
Postal Clerks	2	4
Students	2	4
Teachers	3	6
Truckers and Bus Drivers	2	4

(c) Church affiliation

<u>Denomination</u>		
Baptists	3	7
Brethren	1	2
Ch. Missionary Alliance	2	5
Community Mission Church	5	12
Mennonites	27	61
None	1	2
Presbyterians	3	7
United Church of Canada	2	5

(5) Abraham Toews(a) Descendants 84(b) Occupations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountant	1	3
At home	2	6
Business	4	12
Construction	1	3
Dispatchers	1	3
Doctors	1	3
Farmers	5	14
Finance	2	6
Housewives	7	20
Industry	1	3
Military	1	3
Missionaries	2	6
Nurses	2	6
Orderlies	1	3
Students	2	6
Teachers	3	9

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Lutheran	1	4
None	4	12
Mennonites	28	84

(6) Margaretha Toews
(Mrs. Cor. J. Ratzlaff)

(a) Descendants 132

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Business	5	10
Butchers	2	4
Construction and highways	4	8
Don't know	6	12
Fishermen	1	2
Housewives	12	24
Longshoremen	2	4
Machinists	2	4
Mechanics and blacksmiths	4	8
Military	1	2
Ministers	1	2
Nurses	1	2
Painters	1	2
Purchasing agent	1	2
Salesmen	1	2
Secretaries	1	2
Students	2	4
Technicians	2	4
Truckers	3	6

<u>Church affiliations</u>		
<u>Denominations</u>		
Apostolic	1	2
Baptist	4	6
Catholic	1	2
Christian Church	1	2
Don't know	9	16
Lutheran	3	4
Mennonites	2	3
Methodists	1	2
Nazarenes	6	10
None	24	46
Pentecosts	1	2
Seventh Day Adventists	1	2
United Church of Canada	1	2

(7) Klaas Toews

(a) Descendants 40

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bankers	1	5
Bus operators	1	5
Business	3	15
Chemists	1	5
Construction	1	5
Doctors	1	5
Farmers	1	5
Hotels	2	10
Housewives	6	30
Missionaries	1	5
Nurses	1	5
Secretaries	2	10
Students	2	10

<u>Church affiliations</u>		
<u>Denominations</u>		
Baptists	2	10
Evangelical Free Church	1	5
Mennonites	10	50
None	1	5
United Church of Canada	6	30

(8) Johan Toews

(a) Descendants 68

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>		
At home	2	8
Business	1	4
Construction	1	4
Housewives	5	20
Farmers	7	28
Nurses	1	4
Secretaries	3	12
Students	2	8
Teachers	3	12

<u>Church affiliation</u>		
<u>Denomination</u>		
Mennonites	22	76
None	7	24

Summary of Peter Toews Family # 1

(a) Descendants 1,316

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	4	1
Actuarists	1	0.2
Artists	1	0.2
At home	8	2
Bankers	10	2
Business	46	9
Butchers	2	0.4
Chemists	1	0.2
Civil Service	3	1
Construction and carpenters	24	15
Druggists	1	0.2
Engineers	1	0.2
Doctors	8	2
(5 M.D.'s, 2 Ph.D.'s, 1 Th.D.)		
Farmers	112	24
Finance	5	1
Fishermen	1	0.2
Housewives	75	16
Hospital orderlies	1	0.2
Hotels	2	0.4
Industries	14	3
Laborers	8	2
Lawyers	1	0.2
Longshoremen	2	0.4
Machinists	2	0.4
Mechanics and blacksmiths	10	2
Military	2	0.4
Missionaries and ministers	20	4
Morticians	3	1
Nurses	15	3
Painters	1	0.2
Plumbers	3	1
Postal Clerks	2	0.4
*Radio	2	0.4
Real estate	2	0.4
Secretaries	11	2
Sewers	1	0.2
Social work	2	0.4
Students	40	8
Telephone	3	1
Truckers and bus operators	11	2
*Railroaders	1	0.2

<u>Church Affiliations</u>		
<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Anglican	1	0.2
Apostolic	1	0.2
Baptist	13	3
Brethren	1	0.2
Calvary Church	1	0.2
Catholics	2	0.5
Christian Church	1	0.2
Christian Missionary Alliance	2	0.4
Congregational	1	0.2
Evangelical Free Church . . .	30	6
Lutheran	10	2
Mennonite	327	65
Methodist	1	0.2
Nazarene	6	1
None	64	14
Not given	18	4
Pentecostal	1	0.2
Presbyterian	3	1
Seventh Day Adventists	1	0.2
Salvation Army	2	0.5
United Church of Canada . . .	27	5

II. Cornelius Toews, Family # 2

Of this family 6 children got married

(1) Gerhard Toews

(a) Descendants 26

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Construction	2	13
Farmers	2	13
Housewives	2	13
Labor	1	7
Military	2	13
Secretaries	2	13
Students	2	13
Teachers	1	7
Trucking	1	7

(c) Church Affiliation

<u>Denominations</u>		
Baptists	1	7
Catholics	1	7
Mennonites	8	53
Methodists	2	13
None	3	20

(2) Sarah Toews
(Mrs. John Janzen)

(a) Descendants 82

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Beautician	1	3
Business	2	7
Construction	1	3
Engineer	1	3
Farmers	2	7
Housewives	11	38
Industry	3	10
Labor	1	3
Mechanic	1	3
Military	1	3
Postmasters	1	3
Clerks	1	3
Students	1	3
Truckers	2	7

(c) Church affiliation

<u>Denomination</u>		
Assembly of God	1	3
Baptists	3	7
Catholics	6	15
Christian Church	3	7
Church of Christ	2	5
Congregational	1	3
Evangelical United Brethren	3	7
Lutheran	13	33
Mennonites	1	3
Methodists	4	10
None	2	5
Presbyterian	1	3

(3) Helena Toews
(Mrs. George Janzen)

- (a) Descendant 1 (not married)
(b) Occupation - farmer
(c) Church affiliation - Christian Church

(4) Elizabeth Toews
(Mrs. Jacob Fast)

- (a) Descendants 82

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bankers	1	3
Business	2	7
Civil Service	1	3
Farmers	10	34
Highway	1	3
Housewives	6	20
Public Service	1	3
Students	4	14
Teachers	2	7
Truckers	1	3

<u>Church affiliation</u>		
<u>Denomination</u>		
Baptists	4	11
Mennonites	25	71
None	6	15
Presbyterian	1	3

(5) John Toews (Taves)

- (a) Descendants - none
(b) Occupation - farmer
(c) Church affiliation - Mennonite

(6) Anna Toews
(Mrs. John Mackelburger)

- (a) Descendants 7

<u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Business	1	20
Farmers	1	20
Machinists	1	20
Military	1	20
Truckers	1	20

<u>Church affiliations</u>		
<u>Denominations</u>		
Mennonites	1	25
Methodists	3	75
None	1	25

Summary of Cornelius Toews Family # 2

(a) Descendants 216

(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bankers	1	1.2
Beauticians	1	1.2
Business	5	6
Civil Service	1	1.2
Clerks	1	1.2
Construction	3	4
Engineers	1	1.2
Farmers	19	23
Highway	1	1.2
Housewives	19	23
Industry	3	4
Labor	2	2
Machinist	1	1.2
Mechanic	1	1.2
Military	4	5
Postal Clerks	1	1.2
Public Service	1	1.2
Secretaries	2	2
Students	7	8
Teachers	3	4
Truckers	5	6

(c) Church Affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Assembly of God	1	1
Baptists	8	8
Catholics	7	7
Christian Church	4	4
Church of Christ	2	2
Congregational	1	1
Evangelical United Breth.	3	3
Lutherans	13	12
Mennonites	43	42
Methodists	9	9
None	12	11
Presbyterian	2	2

III. Anna Toews (Mrs. Johan Quiring), Family # 3

Of this family 6 children got married.

(1) John Quiring

(a) Descendants 107

(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	1	3
Business	7	18
Construction	1	3
Custodians	1	3
Engineers	1	3
Farmers	2	4
Housewives	8	20
Industry	17	17
Laborers	3	8
Postal Clerks	1	3
Railroaders	2	5
Secretaries	1	3
Students	1	3
Taxi Drivers	1	3
Teachers	2	4

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Baptists	2	5
Bible Church	1	2
Congregationalists	2	5
Evangelical United Brethren	1	2
Lutherans	19	44
Mennonites	2	5
Methodists	1	2
None	9	21
Presbyterians	2	5
Seventh Day Adventists	4	9

(2) Anna Quiring
(Mrs. Jacob C. Wall)

(a) Descendants 43

(b) <u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Business	1	7
Clerks	1	7
Farmers	3	20
Housewives	4	25
Laborers	1	7
Ministers	1	7
Newspapers	1	7
Radio	1	7
Students	2	13

(c) <u>Church affiliations</u>		
<u>Denominations</u>		
Baptists	2	14
Lutherans	3	20
Mennonites	10	66

(3) Elizabeth Quiring
(Mrs. Peter Adrian)

(a) Descendants 110

(b) <u>Occupations</u>		
<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	1	3
Barbers	1	3
Business	2	6
Custodian	1	3
Farmers	10	27
Housewives	5	14
Laborers	2	6
Military	2	6
Ministers	1	3
None given	6	16
Nurses	3	9
Teachers	2	6

(c) <u>Church Affiliations</u>		
<u>Denominations</u>		
Assembly of God	1	3
Baptists	2	6
Catholics	1	3
Christian Missionary Alliance	1	3
Community Church	1	3
Congregationalists	4	10
Lutherans	8	22
Mennonites	8	22
Methodists	1	3
None	9	23
Reformed	1	3

(4) Cornelius Quiring(a) Descendants 13(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Blacksmiths	1	33
Mechanics	1	33
Radio and TV	1	33

(c) Church affiliationsDenominations

None	2	32
United Church of Canada	4	68

(5) Peter Quiring(a) Descendants 2(b) OccupationsTypes

Farmers	2	100
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(c) Church affiliationsDenominations

Mennonite	1	50
None	1	50

(6) Diedrich Quiring(a) Descendants 12(b) OccupationsTypes

Business	1	14
Farmers	3	43
Store Clerks	1	14
Teachers	2	28

(c) Church affiliationsDenominations

Lutheran	2	28
Mennonites	4	58
None	1	14

Summary of Anna Toews (Mrs. Johan Quiring) Family # 3(a) Descendants 284(b) OccupationsTypes

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	2	2
Barbers	1	1
Blacksmiths	1	1
Business	11	11
Clerks	2	2
Construction	1	1
Custodians	2	2
Engineers	1	1
Farmers	18	20
Housewives	17	17
Industry	7	7
Laborers	6	6
Mechanics	1	1
Military	2	2
Ministers	2	2
Newspapers	1	1
None given	6	6
Nurses	3	3
Postal Clerks	1	1
Radio	2	2
Railroaders	2	2
Secretaries	1	1
Students	3	3
Taxi Drivers	1	1
Teachers	6	6

(c) Church affiliationsDenominations

Assembly of God	1	1
Baptists	6	6
Bible Church	1	1
Catholics	1	1
Christian Missionary Alliance	1	1
Community Church	1	1
Congregational Church	6	6
Evangelical United Brethren	1	1
Lutherans	30	30
Mennonites	18	18
Methodists	2	2
None	20	22
Presbyterians	2	2
Reformed	1	1
Seventh Day Adventists	4	4
United Church of Canada	4	5

IV. Johan Toews, Family #4

Of this family 13 children got married.

(1) John Toews

(a) Descendants 67

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Custodians	1	4
Farmers	2	7
None given	22	81
Secretaries	1	4
Technicians	1	4

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Mennonites	6	22
Nazarene	1	4
None given	20	74

(2) Aganetha Toews
(Mrs. David Wiens)

(a) Descendants 21

<u>Types</u>		
Construction	1	16.6
Industry	1	16.6
Mechanics	1	16.6
Postal Clerks	1	16.6
Railroaders	1	16.6
Teachers	1	16.6

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Lutherans	5	83
Mennonites	1	17

(3) Heinrich Toews

(a) Descendants 20

(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	1	9
Business	1	9
Chaplains	1	9
Farmers	3	28
Housewives	1	9
I.B.M. secretaries	1	9
Students	2	18
Teachers	1	9

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Evangelical Free Church	1	7
Methodists	3	20
Mennonites	11	73

(4) Katharina Toews
(Mrs. George Dick)

(a) Descendants 11

(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>		
Business	1	17
Housewives	1	17
Ministers	1	17
Salesmen	1	17
Secretaries	2	33

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Christian Missionary Alliance	1	17
Mennonites	2	33
None given	3	50

(5) Frank Toews(a) Descendants 6(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Farmers	2	19
Harness makers	1	14
Housewives	1	14
Railroaders	1	14
Students	2	29

(c) Church affiliationsDenominations

Catholics	1	20
Lutherans	3	60
None	1	20

(6) Jacob Toews(a) Descendants 19(b) OccupationsTypes

Farmers	1	20
Housewives	1	20
Laborers	2	40
Students	1	20

(c) Church affiliationsDenominations

Evangelical Free Church	1	15
Mennonites	4	56
United Church of Canada	2	29

(7) Isaac Toews(a) Descendants 6(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Business	1	17
Housewives	2	33
Not given	3	50

(c) Church affiliationDenominations

Mennonite	1	17
None	5	83

(8) Abraham Toews(a) Descendants 3(b) OccupationsTypes

Farmers	3100
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(c) Church affiliationDenominations

Mennonite	3100
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(9) Anna Toews

(Mrs. Jacob Hiebert)

(a) Descendants 8(b) OccupationsTypes

Farmers	1	33
Housewives	2	66

(c) Church affiliationDenominations

Catholics	1	33
Jehovah Witness	1	33
Mennonites	1	33

(10) Maria Toews
(Mrs. Peter J. Janzen)

(a) Descendants 20

<u>Occupations</u> <u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Carpenters	1	9
Custodians	1	9
Meteorologists	1	9
Highway	1	9
Farmers	1	9
Not given	2	18
Students	2	18
Teaching	2	18

<u>Church affiliation</u> <u>Denominations</u>		
Mennonites	4	50
None	3	38
United Church of Canada . . .	1	12

(11) Bernhard Toews

(a) Descendants 15

<u>Occupations</u> <u>Types</u>		
Farmers	1	17
Housewives	4	50
Industry	1	17
Salesmen	1	17

<u>Church affiliations</u> <u>Denominations</u>		
Mennonites	1	17
United Church of Canada . . .	5	83

(12) Klaus Toews

(a) Descendants 2

<u>Occupations</u> <u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Farmers	1	33
Housewives	1	33
Postal clerks	1	33

<u>Church affiliations</u> <u>Denominations</u>		
Not known	3	1000

(13) Aaron Toews

(a) Descendants 5

<u>Occupations</u> <u>Types</u>		
Business	1	33
Farmers	1	33
Housewives	1	33

<u>Church affiliation</u> <u>Denominations</u>		
Nazarene	1	33
None	2	66

Summary of Johan Toews, Family # 4

(a) Descendants 219

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	1	1
Business	4	4
Chaplains	1	1
Construction and carpenters	2	2
Custodians	1	1
Farmers	14	15
Harness makers	1	1
Highways	1	1
Housewives	14	15
I.B.M. Secretaries	1	1
Industry	2	2
Labor	2	2
Mechanics	1	1
Meteorologists	1	1
Ministers	1	1
None Given	26	27
Postal clerks	1	1
Railroaders	2	2
Salesmen	2	2
Secretaries	3	3
Students	7	8
Teachers	4	5
Technicians	1	1

<u>Church affiliations</u>		
<u>Denominations</u>		
Catholics	2	2
Christian Missionary Alliance	1	1
Evangelical Free Church . .	2	2
Jehovah Witness	1	1
Lutherans	8	8
Mennonites	38	37
Methodists	3	3
Nazarenes	2	2
None	14	14
None given	23	22
United Church of Canada . .	8	8

V. Maria Toews (Mrs. Isaac Janzen), Family # 5

Of this family 7 children got married.

(1) Maria Janzen (Mrs. Ludwig Hoffman)

(a) Descendants 145

(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Accountants	2	4
Bankers	3	5
Construction	1	2
Custodians	1	2
Farmers	20	38
Housewives	2	4
Industry	1	2
Labor	2	4
Meteorologists	1	2
Military	1	2
Ministers and missionaries	4	8
Nurses	1	2
One-W	1	2
Railroaders	2	4
Secretaries	1	2
Students	7	12
Teachers	2	4
Telephone operators	1	2
Truckers	1	2

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Bible Church	1	2
Catholics	1	2
Christian Missionary Alliance	3	5
Evangelical Free Church . . .	1	2
Lutherans	10	15
Mennonites	41	61
Methodists	1	2
None	7	11

(2) Isaac Janzen

(a) No descendants

(b) Farmer

(c) Mennonite

(3) Elizabeth Janzen (Mrs. Peter (Heidè))

(a) Descendants 6

(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Creamery	1	25
Farmer	1	25
Housewives	2	50

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Christian Missionary Alliance	4	100

(4) Jacob Janzen

(a) No descendants

(b) Farmer

(c) Mennonite

(5) Katharina Janzen (Mrs. John J. Peters)

(a)	<u>Descendants</u>	18		
(b)	<u>Occupations</u>		<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	Farmers	1		12.5
	Don't know	7		87.5
(c)	<u>Church affiliations</u>			
	Mennonites	1		12.5
	Don't know	7		87.5

(6) Heinrich Janzen

(a)	<u>Descendants</u>	2		
(b)	<u>Occupations</u>			
	<u>Types</u>			
	Clerks	1		33
	Farmers	1		33
	Teachers	1		33

(7) Anna Janzen (Mrs. C. J. Funk)

(a)	<u>Descendants</u>	7		
(b)	<u>Occupations</u>			
	<u>Types</u>			
	Business	1		13
	Farmers	3		37
	Housewives	1		13
	Students	3		37
(c)	<u>Church affiliations</u>			
	<u>Denominations</u>			
	Congregationalists	3		37
	Lutherans	1		13
	Mennonites	4		50

Summary of Maria Toews (Mrs. Isaac Janzen) Family #5

(a)	<u>Descendants</u>	167		
(b)	<u>Occupations</u>			
	<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>		<u>Percent</u>
	Accountants	2		3
	Bankers	3		5
	Business	2		2.5
	Construction	1		1.5
	Creamery	1		1.5
	Custodians	1		1.5
	Farmers	27		40
	Housewives	6		8
	Industry	1		1.5
	Labor	3		5
	Meteorologist	1		1.5
	Military	1		1.5
	Ministers	4		6
	Nurses	1		1.5
	One-W	1		1.5
	Railroaders	2		3
	Secretaries	1		1.5
	Students	10		14
	Teachers	3		4
	Telephone	1		1.5
	Truckers	1		1.5
	Not Known	6		8
(c)	<u>Church affiliations</u>			
	<u>Denominations</u>			
	Bible Church	1		1.2
	Catholics	1		1.2
	Christian Missionary Alliance	7		8
	Congregationalists	3		4
	Evangelical Free Church	1		1.2
	Lutherans	11		13
	Mennonites	50		59
	Methodists	1		1.2
	None	7		8
	Not known	9		9

VI. Abraham Toews, Family # 6

Of this family 4 children got married

(1) Susan Toews (Mrs. Neil McFadyen)(a) Descendants 21(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
County deputy	1	17
Jewelers	1	17
Machinists	1	17
Not given	2	35
Students	1	17

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Baptists	3	30
Lutherans	2	20
Mennonites	1	10
Mormons	2	20
Presbyterians	1	10
United Church of Canada	1	10

(2) Abraham M. Toews(a) Descendants 13(b) Occupations

<u>Types</u>		
Carpenters	1	11
Farmers	1	11
Housewives	3	34
Machinists	1	11
Salesmen	1	11
Students	2	22

(c) Church affiliations

<u>Denominations</u>		
Christian Missionary Alliance	1	11
Evangelical United Brethren	1	11
Mennonites	9	78

(3) Elizabeth Toews (Mrs. William Paul)(a) Descendants 12(b) Occupations

Housewives 4

(c) Church affiliations

Not given 1
 United Church of Canada 2

(4) Anna Toews (Mrs. Hector McFadyen)

(a) Descendants - 0

(b) Occupation - H
Housewife - 1(c) Church affiliation-
Mennonite - 1Summary of Abraham W. Toews, Family # 6(a) Descendants 52(b) Occupations

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Carpenters	1	3
County deputy	1	3
Farmers	2	5
Housewives	7	31
Jeweler	1	3
Machinists	2	5
Not given	2	5
Salesmen	1	3
Students	5	22

(c) Church affiliation

Baptists	3	13
Christian Missionary Alliance	1	4
Evangelical United Brethren	1	4
Lutherans	2	8
Mennonites	10	42
Mormons	2	8
Presbyterians	1	4
United Church of Canada	3	13
Not given	1	4

Summary of All Six Toews Families

(a) Descendants - children of:

First Family	Peter # 1	Cornelius # 2	Anna # 3	Johan # 4	Maria # 5	Abraham # 6	Total
10	1316	216	284	219	185	52	2282

(b) Occupations

	#1 Peter	#2 Cornelius	#3 Anna	#4 Johan	#5 Marie	#6 Abraham	Totals	Percentages
Accountants	4		2	1	2		7	1.0
Actuaries	1						1	0.1
Artists	1						1	0.1
At home	8						8	1.0
Bank workers	10	1			3		14	1.7
Barbers			1				1	0.1
Beauticians	1	1					1	0.1
Blacksmiths	2		1				3	0.4
Business, salesmen	46	5	11	6	2	1	71	8.5
Butchers	2						2	0.2
Chemists	1						1	0.1
Civil Service	3	1					4	0.5
Clerks	1		2				3	0.4
Construction-Highways	24	4	1	3	1		34	4.1
Custodians			2	2	1		5	0.6
Deputies (County)						1	1	0.1
Druggists	1						1	0.1
Doctors	8						8	1.0
(M.D.-5, Ph.D.-2, Th.D.-1)								
Engineers	1	1	1				3	0.4
Farmers	112	19	10	14	29	2	185	22.2
Finance	3						3	0.4
Fishermen	1						1	0.1
Harness makers				1			1	0.1
Hotels	2						2	0.2
Housewives	75	19	17	14	6	7	138	16.6
Industries	14	3	7	2	1		27	3.2

	#1 Peter	#2 Cornelius	#3 Anna	#4 Johan	#5 Marie	#6 Abraham	Totals	Percentages
Jeweler						1	1	0.1
Labor	8	2	6	2	3		21	2.5
Lawyers	1						1	0.1
Longshoremen	2						2	0.2
Machinists	2	1			2		5	0.5
Mechanics	10	1	1	1			13	1.6
Meteorologists				1	1		2	0.2
Military	2	4	2	1	1		16	1
Ministers, Missionaries	20		2	2	4		28	3.3
Morticians	3						3	0.4
Newspapers			1				1	0.1
Not given				26	6	2	40	4.8
Nurses	15		3		1		19	2.3
One-W						1	1	0.1
Orderlies	1						1	0.1
Painters	1						1	0.1
Post office employees	2	1	1	2			6	0.7
Radio and TV	2		2				4	0.5
Railroaders	1		2	2	2		7	0.8
Real Estate	2						2	0.2
Secretaries and I.B.M.	11	2	1	4	1		19	2.3
Social Work	6						2	0.2
Students	40	7	3	7	10	5	72	8.6
Teachers	24	3	6	4	3		40	4.8
Technicians	3			1			4	0.5
Telephone	3				1		4	0.5
Truckers, Bus, Taxis	12	6	1		1		20	2.4

(c) Church affiliations

	<u>#1 Peter</u>	<u>#2 Cornelius</u>	<u>#3 Anna</u>	<u>#4 Johan</u>	<u>#5 Maria</u>	<u>#6 Abraham</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Percentages</u>
Anglicans	1						1	0.1
Apostolic	1						1	0.1
Assembly of God	1	1	5				7	1.0
Baptists	13	8	6			3	30	3.2
Bible Church			1		1		2	0.2
Brethren	1						1	0.1
Calvary Church	1						1	0.1
Catholics	2	7	1	2	1		13	1.4
Christian Church	1	4					5	1.0
Christian Mis. Alli.	2		1	1	7	1	12	1.2
Church of Christ	2	2					4	0.5
Community Church			1				1	0.1
Congregational	1	1	6		3		11	1.1
Evangelical Fr. Ch.	30			16			46	5.0
Evangelical Unit. B.		3	1			1	5	1.0
Jehovah Witness				1			1	0.1
Lutheran	10	13	30	8	11	2	74	8.0
Mennonites	327	43	18	38	49	10	485	49.0
Methodists	1	9	2	3	1		16	2.1
Mormons						3	3	0.6
Nazarenes	6			2			8	1.2
None	67	12	24		7		110	11.0
Not given	18			23	3	1	45	5.0
Presbyterian	3	2	2			1	8	1.2
Reformed			1		1		2	0.2
Salvation Army	2						2	0.2
Seventh Day Adventists	1						1	0.1
United Ch. of Canada	27		4	8		3	42	5.0

P.S.

- (1) In the "occupations" farmers' wives were designated as "farmers."
- (2) Only 21.2% of all our Mennonites joined a Mennonite church. This figure was obtained by the formula:

$$\frac{\text{total Mennonite church members} \times 100}{\text{total number of Toews descendants}} = \frac{485 \times 100}{2282} = 21.2\%$$
- (3) The given statistics do not always state all details accurately, but, I believe, they indicate with some degree of dependability, current trends in our families.
- (4) Our 3rd generation Mennonites already began to become Catholics.
- (5) The sociologist would find it especially rewarding to study the effects that conservatism, opportunity, geographical and climatic conditions, the proximity of other ethnical and religious groups, and the availability of academic facilities had on our families.

